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Our Lives in America

*Dahm Cousins
2011*



Celebrating 100 years in America



Een beetje familie historie

(5 generations of Dam Families operated grain mills in Holland.)

Jan Johannes Dam, born 1828 in Numansdorp, the Netherlands, 21 children.

1st wife Hermina Van Driel, (4 children). Hermina died at age 33.

2nd wife Hilligje Van Lugtenburg, born 1839, 17 children.

Son Jakob Dam was born in 1866.

Jan Johannes Dam owned and operated a bakery in Numansdorp.

Gysbertus Groenenboom, born 1842, 19 children.

1st wife: Pieterella Van Gilst (8 children), Died age 42, Stientje was 10 yrs.

Daughter Stientje Groenenboom, born 1867.

2nd wife: Cornelia Van Lugtenburg (11 children)

Groenenbooms were dairy farmers living near Kyfhoek, the Netherlands.

Gysbertus and Cornelia Groenenboom immigrated to America in 1901.

Jakob Dam married Stientje Groenenboom in 1890.

Jakob and Stientje purchased a bakery in the village of Nieuw Beijerland, which they owned and operated for 21 years before coming to America in 1911. Jakob and Stientje had 18 children, including 2 sets of twins. 5 of these children died as infants and one as a 3 year old.

In the spring of 1909, 18 year old son John was sent to his Groenenboom grandparents in Pella to see how things were in America. In 1910, 17 year old son Bert came to America by himself, not knowing a word of English.

In April 1911, Jakob and Stientje came with the rest of the children. The arrival in New York created much publicity because of their name (Dam Family) and large family. The story and pictures of the whole Dam family were published in newspapers. They came to Pella, living on a farm east of Pella for one year, living by Eddyville for 3 years, then settled in the Peoria area where they bought a farm in 1920. Here they prospered and lived happily, becoming members of the Peoria Chr. Ref. Church where 10 of the children made profession of faith.

On a hot July day, 1926, Stientje suddenly became ill with pneumonia and died a week later at the age of 59. The youngest son Arie was 16. 5 years later in 1931, Jakob had closing sale, and moved to the Home for the Aged in Pella. He died in 1936 from stomach cancer at age 70. Burial is in Oakwood Cemetery, Pella IA

Information taken from J. B. Dahm's book, the Whole Dam Family, 1981

The history of the Dahm Family has been recorded in books:
Family History- Groenenboom and Allied Families, 1972,
by J.B.Dahm

The Whole Dam Family 1981, by J.B. Dahm

Dahm Family Update 2002, history of the children of Jakob Dam.

Our Lives in America, 2011, history of the grandchildren of
Jakob and Stientje Dam.

The Dahm Families

John and Gertie Dahm

Cornie and Jeanette Dahm

Tena Mae and Albert Van Engenhoven

Wilma and Ralph De Bruin

Bert and Marie Dahm

Jacob and Arvena Dahm

Christine and Vernon Van Ee

Stella and Harold Pothoven

Henry and Minnie Dahm

Marjorie and Rich Fopma

Arnold and Susan Dahm

Ruth and Ted De Vries

John and Sandra Dahm

Norma and Ron Hiemstra

Barbara and Phil Slinker

Erma and Al Guise

Henry and Nellie Labotz

Helen and Walter Vander Hart

Godert and Deloris Vander Hart

Stella and Dwight Taylor

Jacob and Irene Vander Hart

Jeanetta Vander Hart

John and Reba Vander Hart

Henry and Ann Vander Hart

James and Freda Vander Hart

Raymond and Arlene Vander Hart

Nelly Anna Vander Hart Yeo

Clarence and Virginia Vander Hart

Jacob and Effie Dahm

Dorothy and Rich Van Kooten

James and Marlene Dahm

Estella and Allen Vis

Joe and Minnie Dahm

Lavonne Dahm Heimbaugh

Laverne Dahm McDonald

Stella and Garret Pothoven

Ronald and Iris Pothoven

Carol and Dale Topp

Ken and Betty Pothoven

Marcia Pothoven

Peter and Grace Dahm

Arlo Dahm

Frances and Merlin Brinkman

John William Dahm

Gordon and Norene Dahm

Peter and Helen Dahm

Leonard and Gertrude Dahm

Geneva and Gerald Rozenboom

Donald and Marie Dahm

Beverly Dahm Hoyt

Cornie and Tena Dahm

Rosemary Dahm

Lowell and Linda Dahm

Carmen and Frank Reitsma

Arie and Cora Dahm

Karen and Lambert Vander Beek

Judy and Loren Van Gorp

Greg and Leslie Dahm

Cornie and Jeanetta Dahm

(No children)



Cornie and Jeanetta Dahm

1947



Photos 1975

Cornie Dahm, was born on a farm west of Peoria. He attended the Sheesley School nearby. In 1930, at the age of 8, the family, John and Gertie with 3 children moved to a farm northwest of Oskaloosa, which John had bought..

In May, 1947, Cornie and Jeanetta Den Adel were married at the Little Brown Church in Iowa . They lived in Oskaloosa all their married life. Here Cornie operated a gas station. He was ill all his life, suffering from eczema.

Jeanetta worked at Kresges, (a five and dime store) in Oskaloosa until it closed. She then worked 10 years at Easter's Grocery Store. Jeanetta was admired for the care that she gave Cornie.

They were married 30 years. Cornie passed away at age 53 in 1976. Jeanetta lived 33 years longer, and died at age 86 in 2005. Jeanetta was a member of the Good News Chapel.

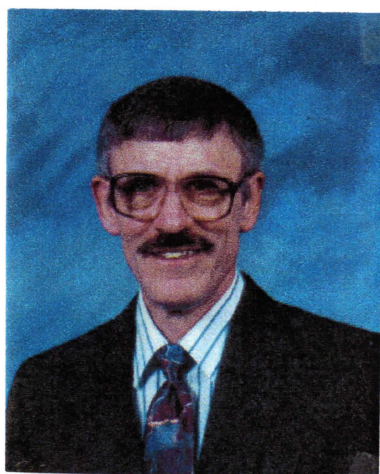
Tena Mae Dahm Van Engelenhoven Family

2009

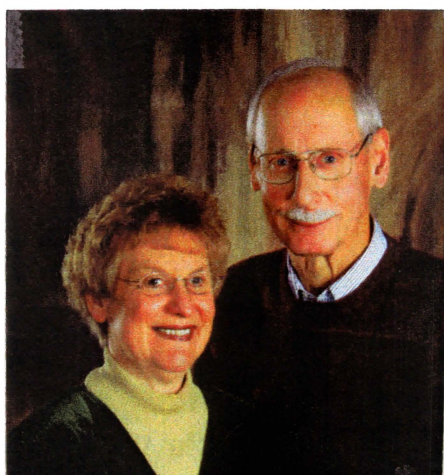
On February 16, 1944, Tena Mae was united in marriage to Albert Van Engelenhoven at the home of her parents. Together they farmed in several areas around Oskaloosa for many years. In addition to being a homemaker and helping her husband on the farm, Tena Mae worked as a waitress for 14 ½ years. From 1968 until retiring in 1988, Albert worked at Rolscreen Company in Pella. They moved to Oskaloosa in 1977. Albert passed away March 26, 1999. They had 2 children: Barry Van Engelenhoven and Adonna, married to Jim Ver Meer.



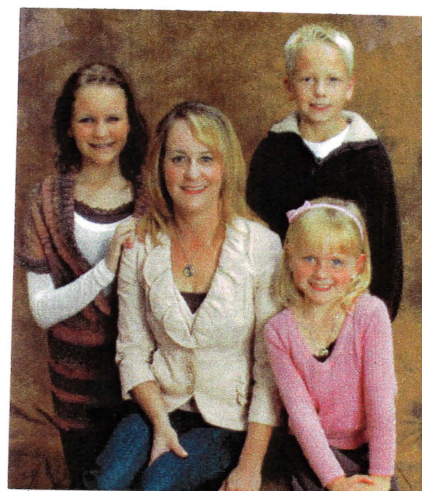
Albert and Tena Mae



Barry Van Engelenhoven



Jim and Adonna Ver Meer



Ashton, Angie, Keagan and Maranda Verschuure

Barry Van Engelenhoven: Occupation: Lobbyist at McDonalds for five years.

Interests: Reading, camping, traveling, precious metals, computer operation and virtual worlds.

Jim Ver Meer

Occupation: Retired engineer, designed machines for Pella Corporation for 39 years.

Interests: Bike riding, reading, watching Tv, traveling, computer stuff, and church activities.

Adonna Ver Meer

Occupation: Part-time Administrative Assistant at Pella Corporation.

Interests: Reading, walking, knitting baby blankets, booties and hats for newborns, tending flowers, playing the piano and keyboard in church and traveling.

Children: Angela Dawn Verschuure, born May 27, 1972, married Jeff Verschuure

Ashton, Keagan and Miranda Jo Verschuure

Jason Todd Ver Meer-born and died December 29, 1973

Amanda Jo Ver Meer-born January 23, 1975, and died March 13, 1996 in a car accident.



Ralph, Wilma and Larry De Bruin

Wilma Dahm De Bruin Family

2009

Ralph and Wilma De Bruin were married March 12, 1947. They farmed on the same farm for 32 years and moved to Oskaloosa in 1978. They have been married 63 years.

They had 2 children:

Larry Allen was born May 12, 1950 .

Leroy Eugene was born and died June 15, 1955.

Ralph and Wilma have been very blessed with health, family and friends. They are very thankful they live in a land of plenty.



Jacob and Arvena

Jacob B. Dahm Family

2009

Jacob celebrated his 90th birthday on December 6, 2008. He and Arvena had their 60th wedding anniversary on March 9, 2009. They have enjoyed living in their townhouse in Bos Landen in Pella since 1999. Jacob B Dahm passed away March 8, 2010 at the age of 91.

From his obituary:

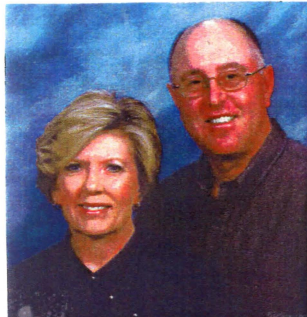
"J.B. spent the early years of his life on their farm near Peoria, Iowa. Jacob attended the Peoria Christian Grade School. In 1946, when soil conservation practices were being introduced and a farm to

market road system was being established, he bought his first bulldozer. In 1949, J. B. organized a full construction crew when secondary roads were being built all over Southern Iowa...Later in life, he and his son, Bryce, and long time employees did reclamation projects and operated a strip coal mine....J. B. pursued researching his families Dutch heritage and published a geneological account for them. He enjoyed traveling and was an avid reader."

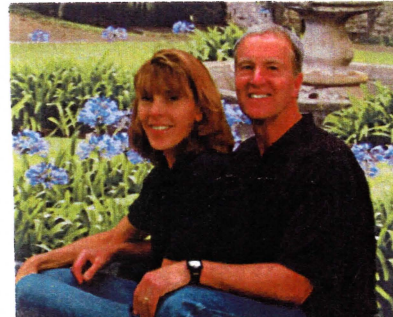
The Dahm Families are most grateful to J.B. and Arvena for the family histories as recorded in Family History, Groenenboom and Allied Families, 1972, and The Whole Dam Family, a History of the Dahms and Allied Families, 1981.



Ann and Bob Buckheister



Bryce and Marla Dahm



Mary and Charles Freet

1. Ann and Bob Buckheister

Ann is a graduate of Wichita State University. She is a realtor in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and very actively involved in a Sweet Adelines singing group as well as her church choir. Bob, as an electrical engineer employed by Collinso-Rockwell, made several extended trips to Russia to collaborate with these on flight-controls for the Russian airlines. They have two married children, Tom and Susan, and one grandson, Slater Jacob Buckheister.

2. Bryce and Marla Dahm

Bryce is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. Until Jacob B's retirement, he worked with him on secondary road construction, strip coal mining, and rock quarrying. He then became co-owner of a specialty advertising company, Frontier Corporation. It was merged with a larger firm in Minnesota a few years ago. Golf is his game.

Marla is the office manager for Dowel Management, a franchise of several Eastern Iowa Subway restaurants. Their son, Jason, will graduate with an advanced degree in accounting from the University of Iowa in May 2009. They live in Pella, Iowa.

3. Mary and Charles Freet

Mary is a graduate of Colorado State University. For several years prior to her marriage she was a merchandiser and buyer for Levitz Furniture Company in Houston and Dallas, Texas. She has played the harp for over 40 years and as a vocation, entertains with her music at special holiday events, weddings and teas. She is an avid tennis player. Charles is a history teacher and varsity basketball coach at Flower Mound High School. They have two teenage children, Amy and Austin. They live in Highland Village, Texas.

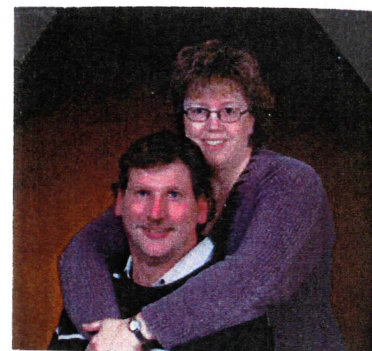
Christina Dahm Van Ee Family 2010



Christina and Vernon, Photo 1981



Keith and Sue



Carol and Bruce

Bert
Marie

Christina was born on December 31, 1920 when her parents Bert and Marie Dahm, were living on a farm a few miles southeast of Peoria. She was the first granddaughter on both sides of the family and was named after her Grandma Van Genderen. The family then moved to a farm a few miles farther east where Christina started school at the Garden Hall one room country school. The next move was in March, 1930, when the family moved to a farm a mile west of Peoria. While living here, she walked to and from the Peoria Christian School, from which she graduated. In the spring of 1935, the family moved to the Home Place, the Dahm Family farm, southeast of Peoria. Christina lived there until she was married. As a country farm girl, besides helping her mother, she did chores and helped out when needed on the farm. Social life centered around the young people's activities of the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.

Christina and Vernon Van Ee became engaged in 1941 and, since World War II had broken out, Vernon enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He spent close to four years as a mechanic and was overseas in England and throughout Europe for well over three years. After he returned home, they were married on October 4, 1945 and lived on farms near Peoria. On July 12, 1955 Keith was born, and on August 27, 1965 Carol was born. Both children attended Peoria Christian Grade School, Pella Christian High and on to Dordt College. Christina died after a six month battle with brain cancer on September 2, 1985 at the age of 64. Christina was a life-long member of the Peoria Chr. Ref. Church. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Pella IA.

Vernon later married Edna Goemaat Van Wyk and they spent winters in Texas, and in the spring, summer and fall helping Keith around the farm. He hauled in a load of corn as late as three years ago, at age 89. Vernon now resides at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa. *Vernon died April, 2011.*

Keith Vernon Van Ee graduated from Dordt in 1977. At Dordt he met Sue Walhof from Edgerton MN and they married on December 27, 1977. Keith has farmed around Peoria since then and is also the chief pilot for Vermeer, Inc. in Pella. They had two daughters: Tricia, born May 16, 1980, and Krystal, born February 14, 1982. They both attended Pella Christian Schools and went on to Dordt College. Keith and Sue are members of the Peoria Chr. Ref. Church.

After graduating from Dordt in 2002, Tricia went to the University of Minnesota School of Music to get her Masters Degree in Vocal Performance. There she met John Chandler Molbert and they were married on September 1, 2007. Chandler is finishing his Doctorate in Vocal Performance. They live in Minneapolis, and are classical singers in the area and are expecting their first child in June.

After attending Dordt for 2 ½ years, Krystal transferred to the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, and married Ben Lefevre on June 20, 2003. They later moved to the Peoria area where they built a house on the yard where Krystal's great grandparents Bert and Marie Dahm lived for many years. Ben works with heavy machinery and helps Keith on the farm. Krystal and Ben have a daughter Lily, born December 13, 2008 and are expecting their second child in April.

Carol Marie Van Ee, while at Dordt, met Bruce Lamfers. They married October 17, 1986, and live in Sioux Center IA. Bruce works for his brother-in-law with a large hog farm operation. Carol worked for the Sioux Center Community Hospital for 20 years as a Rehab Aide in Long Term Care. They have two children. Benjamin Alan was born September 2, 1985. Ben graduated from Iowa State and now works as a computer program developer in Des Moines. Rebecca Rose was born Aug. 5, 1989. Rebecca graduated from beautician school and is employed as a cosmetologist in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Stella and Harold Pothoven
60th anniversary 2007

Stella Dahm Pothoven Family

2010

Stella was born on August 31, 1923. Her parents, Bert and Marie (Van Genderen) Dahm were living on a farm about five miles southeast of Peoria. Stella was named after her Grandmother Dam (Stientje).

I began my school years in the one room Garden Hall Country School. In March 1930, our family moved to a farm a mile west of Peoria. I then attended the Peoria Christian School from which all three of us children, Jacob, Christina and myself graduated. We walked to and from school each day. We lived here five years and then moved to the Dahm (Jakob Dam) family farm southeast of Peoria where my parents lived until they retired and moved to Pella.

My teen-aged years were spent helping mother doing chores, garden and yard work, and helping out where needed on the farm as country girls did. Besides being with family and friends, my

social life mostly centered on the church and young peoples' activities at the Peoria Christian Reformed Church.

Harold Pothoven and I became engaged and were married on February 20, 1947 in the Peoria Christian Reformed Church after Harold returned from serving almost two years in the U.S. Army. We moved to my parents farm west of Peoria where we farmed for thirteen years and then moved to the Dahm (Dam) family farm southeast of Peoria where we are still living in 2010. In 1968 we replaced the old farmhouse (with its many memories,) with a new brick home. God blessed our lives with two dear sons, Darl in 1951 and Dennis in 1954. They both graduated from the Peoria Christian School, Pella Christian High School and Calvin College.

Darl attended Grad School at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC. He lives in Durham, NC and his wife, Carrie, after home schooling their children through grade school, now teaches kindergarten at the Trinity Christian School in Chapel Hill. They have two children, Jeffrey, who graduated from UNC and will soon graduate from Duke University after a three year course to become a Physical Therapist. Jennifer graduated from UNC as a registered nurse and works at Duke Hospital. Darl also has a stepdaughter Kate who lives in Caribou, Maine with her husband Ralph Knowles and their daughter Avery. Kate graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC as an interpreter for the deaf and Ralph is in the US Border Patrol.

Dennis graduated from the University of Iowa Law School and also went to school for a year at New York University in New York City. He and his wife Cheryl and their two children live on Mercer Island, WA near Seattle, where he is an attorney at law. After being a stay-at-home mom, Cheryl now has her own Bookkeeping Service and works from home. Their son, Chris is a student at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN and daughter Meridith is still in high school.



Darl and Carrie



Dennis and Cheryl

Marjorie Dahm Fopma Family

February 2010



Marjorie and Rich Fopma

Henry
Minnie

As we will soon be celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary, I have been going over some of the years' history and will reflect on it in this article.

As most of you know, our parents, Henry and Minnie, moved into a newly built home in Peoria when they married in 1930. This home was as modern as it could be for that day in time. It was complete with a full basement, electricity, running water, a bathroom and a coal furnace. Papa always tended the furnace and kept the ashes hauled out to the bank on the south side of the house. How many of you remember that clothes chute to send dirty clothes down?

When I was but 18 years old, Rich and I were married on March 15, 1950. Mother had been heard to say, "Eighteen is too young to get married," but ours lasted 60 years... too young or not.

Rich had rented a farm from his grandfather and so I went from this small town girl to being a farmer's wife. I went from a newer home to an old farmhouse. I went from a modern house to one without running water; to an outdoor toilet, to an underground cellar which we entered from the outside. No furnace, but a wood stove in the kitchen and two more oil burning stoves in other rooms. Washing was done in the wash-house where water had to be hauled in and heated to boiling before we could start. No cold water laundry soap in those days. In winter the cold wind would sift through the cracks in the house. To keep warm, part of the house was shut off.

The first hurdle I encountered was the cream separator. Every day that grimy thing had to be taken apart and put back together again in time for the evening's milking. I did learn to milk that summer and it was my job to walk through the pasture to get the cows. The pasture wound quite far around the farm ground. I remember going after those cows one evening all the way and couldn't find them. I came back home and they were standing in the shade of another building at home.

Then there were the chickens. Now getting eggs with your grandmother as a child was fun but having the whole job of feeding and caring for them was not so fun especially with a couple of roosters in the bunch. Then of course we raised chicks from one day old to the time of putting them in the hen house, so that was a new chore.

We had a huge fruit orchard: a cherry tree, two pear trees, peach trees, (one was a beautiful big yellow peach,) and we had various apples. That was nice... but we had enough for the whole community.

In the winter, eggs had to come into the pantry and sometimes the cream cans, and at times even litters of baby pigs, and a baby calf which livened up during the night.

On winter days, we hung clothes outside, but brought it back in frozen. Besides hanging the clothes outside, we also hung lines throughout the kitchen and living area.

All that and more made this a very different life, but it was good. When we left, I thought that house was surely doomed, but today it is remodeled and still lived in!

Nine years later we moved to the farm we eventually bought five miles north of Sully. Ah... modern living, a furnace to keep warm by, bathroom facilities, a full basement to wash in and nice cupboards.

In 1988 we moved into Sully and in 2007 we moved to Pella where we now reside. One of the biggest changes we made was moving to Pella from Sully.

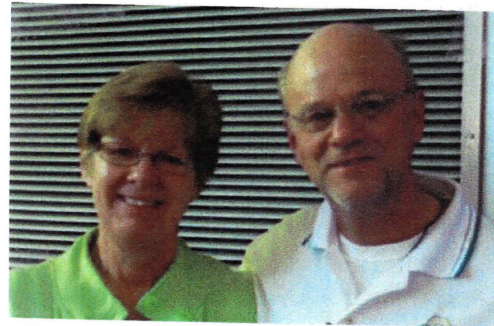
With every passing year, we know age is ever creeping upward, but we praise the Lord for His goodness and accept the trials as well as the joys that come our way.

Our family keeps growing and at this time numbers 46. This includes 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Ervin and Gayle have three sons: Eric, Gregory and Lucas, and they have 5 grandchildren. Ervin is co-owner of EWI, a tiling, ditching operation, and Gayle keeps books among other things.



Judy and Tim Hoekstra live in Ontario, CA. Tim is Principal of Ontario Chr. Hi, and Judy teaches at the Chr. Grade School. They have one married child, Matthew, who is a physical therapist. Travis has a degree in engineering, and a daughter Meredith, a student at Northwestern, Orange City, is training to be a nurse. They have one grandchild.



Verna and Al Klyn operating Klyn Tire, have four boys: Jeremy, Ryan, Chad and Tyler and three grandchildren.



Rick and Carla are farming on the home place. Carla is Se'cy at Synergy of Sully. They have a daughter, Rochelle teaching school at Lynnville-Sully, and a son, Shawn, a senior in college, and a daughter, Trisha, who attends Pella Chr. High School.

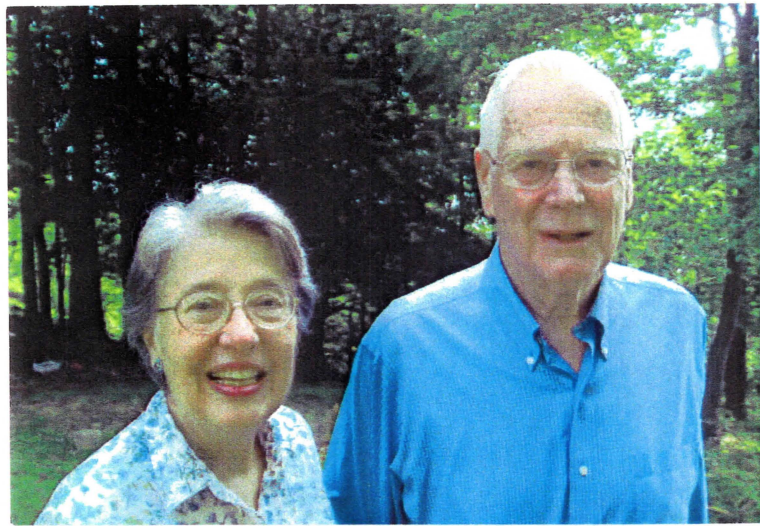


Loren and Shawna live in Sully. He works for Co-Line, and she is a physical therapist at the Pella Hospital. They have four children. The oldest, Krista attends Pella Chr, High, Joshua and RaeAnn are in grade school, and Keagan is 3 years old.



Arnold J. Dahm Family

2010



Arnold and Susan Dahm

Arnold farmed for three years with his father after graduating from Pella Christian High in 1949. In 1953 he was drafted into the Army. As soon as he finished basic training, North Korea signed a truce (cause and effect not known). Arnold attended Central College while helping his father on the farm. He received his Ph. D degree in Physics from the University of Minnesota and was a post-doc fellow at the University of Pennsylvania for two years.

Arnold met Susan Dickey in Philadelphia in 1967, where she was teaching history at a local junior high school. They were married in 1968 in Eagles Mere, PA, where they now spend their summers at their cottage. They moved to Cleveland where Arnold spent his career teaching at Case Western Reserve University. They spent sabbatical years in Sussex, England; Mainz, Germany and Konstanz, Germany. Arnold retired from teaching in 2001, and continues research in physics, a sometimes productive hobby.

Arnold and Susan have two daughters, Amy (1970) and Kristi (1973).

Amy graduated from Miami (Ohio) University and received a master's degree in interior design from the Art Institute of Chicago. She followed her planned career path by working for seven years for an architectural firm gaining experience before beginning a teaching career. She presently teaches interior design at TCU in Fort Worth, TX. She is married to Holger Roehl.

Kristi attended Cornell and received master's degrees in Art History and Art Conservation from NYU. She is an art conservator to the Art Institute of Chicago. Kristi is married to Brian Herman. They have two daughters, Maggie (2007) and Abby (2010).



Amy and Holger Roehl



Kristi and Brian Herman



Ruth Dahm De Vries Family

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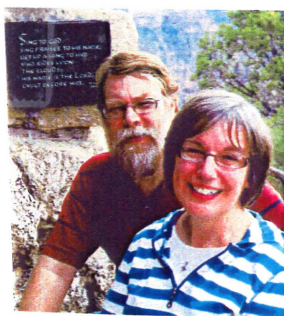
Ted and Ruth

My life after Peoria, Iowa:

On the first day of my high school years, our family moved to a farm NE of Pella. I don't recall how I got to school that day, and I guess my family didn't either, because they forgot to pick me up, and the high school principal, Rev. Huizenga took me to our new home.

I now think of Pella as my home town, but actually I only lived there 5 years of my life, and in Peoria the first 13 years of my life. Those days, living in Peoria, next door to my cousins were carefree days. We could run around, bike around, coast around, walk to school and no one worried about us. During my senior year in High School, I met my husband, Ted De Vries and we were married in August, 1955. After graduating, I had worked for Vermeer Mfg. Co. in a small office on the west side of Pella, before their larger plant was built east of Pella. On January 1st, 1956, Ted and I took all of our personal belongings in our '52 Oldsmobile, and drove to Glendale, AZ, where he knew a couple of men he had worked with in Scholtfeldt's Body Shop in Newton, IA. We lived in Glendale until April of 1957, and our first child, Terry was born while we lived there. Ted located a job in Wickenburg, AZ at that time, and later started his own business, "DeVries Custom Coachworks" in Wickenburg. We had three more children while living there: Tim, Tammy and Natasha. Our children were raised in this small western Arizona town where we lived for 47 years, until Ted retired and we moved to Prescott, AZ where we now reside. In this mile-high city we enjoy pine trees and four seasons again. We enjoy activities in our church, in the Antique Auto Club, the Iris Club, and we enjoy our children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren.

How blessed we are!



Terry and Debbie



Tim and Lisa



Delbert and Tammy



Kirby and Natasha

Terry, married Debbie Piccarreta, lives in Phoenix, AZ and has two children, Terry Jr. and Brianne (Antelo). Terry attended and graduated from Le Tourneau University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He is presently working for Southwest Technologies in Phoenix, AZ. Debbie is a nurse, working with Hospice in Phoenix, AZ.

Tim married Lisa Peterson and lives in Castle Rock, CO. They have three children: Hannah, Mallorie and Seth. Tim graduated from Embry Riddle University in Prescott, AZ and is a captain (airplane pilot) with United Airlines. He flies a 747 out of San Francisco CA to cities in Asia.

Tammy married Delbert Wheeler, lives in Peoria AZ, and they have four daughters: Summer (Lien), Terra (Beyeler), Shea and Taylor. Summer and Terra are married, and each have a baby boy born in 2009. Tammy's husband, Delbert works as a detective for the Phoenix Police Department.

Natasha married Kirby Johnson, lives in Three Rivers, MI and has five children: Benjamin, Autumn, Alexandria, Noah and Olyvia. Natasha graduated from the Masters College in Newhall, CA, with a BA in homemaking. She is presently an aide in a kindergarten classroom, and frequently subs in that class. Her husband, Kirby, graduated from The Masters Seminary and is currently senior pastor at Howardsville Grace Chapel in Marcellus, MI.

Henry
Minnie

John H. Dahm Family

2009



John and Sandi Dahm

I began farming at New Sharon, Iowa on Feb. 1, 1961 and farmed the same farm for 44 years. This farm was located 2 miles west of New Sharon. Before farming, I attended Central College for 2 years.

Sandi graduated from Penn College at Oskaloosa. She had 2 years of graduate courses in social work. She was a hospice founder, director, and grief counselor in Oskaloosa.

Sandi and I are retired and live at Lake Ponderosa at Montezuma. We have 3 children and 9 grandchildren.

Our children are: Scott Dahm, (Cathy), Chad Dahm, and Wendi Crisswell (Chad).

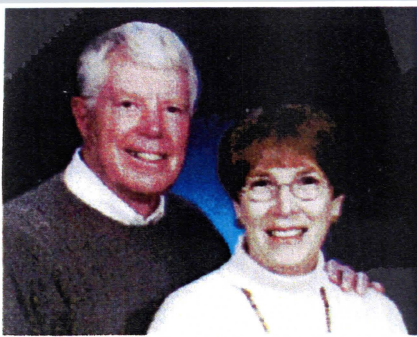
Scott has a CPA firm in Cedar Rapids. He has 2 children.

Chad is a counselor doing administration and policy for the Department of Human Services in Des Moines. Chad has 4 children. (*His son is the 5th Jacob Dahm in the family.*).

Wendi works in a group home for the Christian Opportunity Center in Pella. Wendi has 3 children.



L to R: Scott Dahm, Chad Dahm, Wendi Crisswell, John and Sandi Dahm.



Norma and Ron Hiemstra

Norma Dahm Hiemstra Family

2011

Henry
Minnie

I spent the first decade of my life in Peoria, so my memories of Peoria are childhood memories: wonderful times 'coasting' in the winter-even at noon hour at school, playing in our tree on the side of the house, playing school with Estella on their front porch, the front right hand pew 'reserved' for our family at church. With 6 siblings and 3 cousins next door, there was always someone to play with. When I was 10 years old (1950) we moved to a small farm near Pella. If I remember correctly, the day that we moved, the population of Peoria dropped 10%.

Ron Hiemstra and I were classmates at Pella Christian. After graduation, I attended Calvin College for two years, which was the minimum required for a teaching certificate. I continued taking evening and Saturday classes at Drake University (Des Moines), earning a B.S. in Education. I taught for two years before becoming a busy mom/volunteer involved with the children's school, church and sports activities. After a few years I was asked to be a part-time bookkeeper-a much more appropriate and enjoyable work for a 'numbers' person. I still volunteer as the comptroller at our church, Crossroads Fellowship CRC, in West Des Moines. Ron attended AIB in Des Moines earning an associate degree in accounting. He was a cost accountant for two different manufacturing companies in Des Moines.

Ron is retired. He spends much of his time on his hobby-genealogy. Since the Dutch had large families and settled in the Pella area, he has made many connections related to both our families. So far he has not found any connections between the Hiemstras and the Dahms.

We have lived in Des Moines since our marriage in 1961.

We were blessed with 3 children...redheads, to carry on the family trait...who are "way above average" (yes, we are Prairie Home Companion fans).

Our oldest son **Doug** is married to Ellen Feeney who grew up in Huntington, New York on Long Island. Doug graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in Industrial Design. He is the founder and president of Hiemstra Product Development in San Francisco. Ellen, a Duke U. graduate majoring in Biology, enjoyed a successful career as a venture capitalist before choosing to stay at home to manage and enjoy their busy family. She is a volunteer for many of their children's school and sports activities. They are parents to Aletta, 16, a sophomore; Emmet, 14, a freshman; Henry, 11, in 6th grade; and James, 6, a 1st grader.

Our daughter, **Jill**, a St. Olaf graduate, earned her PhD in Molecular Genetics from Washington Univ. in St. Louis. After 15 years in cancer research as a postdoctoral fellow at Mayo Clinic and faculty at Yale University, she has recently joined the faculty at Indiana Univ. School of Medicine in Indianapolis, where she is the Director of the new Perinatal Research Lab in the Department of OB/GYN. She is married to Charlie Reiter who grew up in Cold Spring, MN. Charlie is an ISU graduate with a B.S. Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He is the Principal Transportation Planner with Olmsted County and the city of Rochester, MN where he telecommutes from their home in Indianapolis. They are parents to 3 cats.

Our youngest son **Paul**, graduated from Calvin College with a business major. He went to Ripon, CA with his Calvin College friend, Mark Van Gorp from 'Purie'. While there he met and married Leslie Van Gronigen. Leslie graduated from Stanislaus State College with a major in English. After being employed for a few years as a warehouse manager, Paul became a 'farmer'. He is a Managing Partner with Van Groningen & Sons who have almond orchards and raise sweet corn (almost as good as IA sweet corn), water-melons and pumpkins. Leslie is a busy at home mom. They are parents to 2 boys: Bryce, a 12 year-old 6th grader and Joel, an 8 year-old 2nd grader. Baby Jenna was born in 2000 with VACTERL association. She lived 4 months.



Doug and Ellen



Jill and Charlie



Paul and Leslie

Barbara Dahm Slinker Family

2011

I married Phil Slinker on Feb. 15, 1974. He died after a long illness on Feb. 14 of this year. We've lived in the same house all these years. He loved selling sporting goods and hanging out with coaches. We got to go to some pretty nice places because of this. We sat on a lot of bleachers in all kinds of weather watching football, track, softball and baseball. Our children attended Valley High School. I have been working part-time at Valley since 1985.

(Barbara was born in Peoria. When she was 9½ years old, the family moved to a farm by Pella).



Barbara and Phil

Henry
Minnie

The children:

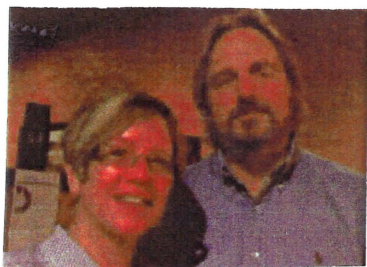
Suzanne Van Englehoven-Wedeking and husband Mike live in Des Moines and own Flying Mango Restaurant. Their son Corey went to Roosevelt High School and graduated this May from McNally Smith Music College in St. Paul with a BM in Voice Performance.

Shawna Van Englehoven lives in Ft. Worth and is Senior Financial Analyst for AMN Healthcare (formerly Nurse Finders.)

Susan Slinker Dale and husband Pat live in Cedar Rapids. He has always been involved in selling clothing and now is with a health products company. Susie has taught in many capacities and is now Challenging Behavior Consultant for Grantwood AEA. Their daughters, Lizzie and Annie attend Xavier High School. Lizzie is graduating this month and will go to Iowa in the fall. Annie is a junior and plays basketball and soccer. She has been offered scholarships in soccer, but that is still undecided.

David Slinker and wife Heidi live in Des Moines and David has sold sporting goods with his dad and has been with Quest (now Century Link) for many years. He is now the Marketing Development Manager. Heidi is teaching 5th grade at Hillis Elementary in Des Moines. They have twin daughters, age 13, attending Merrill Middle School

Nikki Van Englehoven-Toal and husband Pat live in St. Louis Park MN. Nikki is the Library Media Specialist at Susan Lindgren Elementary School. Pat is a pharmacist at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul.



Suzanne and Mike



Shawna



Pat and Susan



Heidi and David



Pat and Nikki



Erma Dahm Guise Family

2009



Al and Erma Guise, Jody Floor, Ben Floor

Henry
Minnie

Erma Lynn, youngest child of Henry, also known as “the baby of the family”:

St. Louis has been home to my children and me since 1977. My first husband and I divorced in 1981, and in 1990, I married Al Guise.

Erma: Attended Calvin College and received a BA in education from Drake University (Des Moines). Frustrated secondary English teacher for several years and then worked as a Programmer/Analyst for over 20 years; finishing out my professional life as a business analyst for Thompson Reuters.

My programming career was truly a gift from God. I finally admitted that I was not cut out to be a teacher but didn't know what to do instead. I really couldn't afford to go back to school, and I didn't know what I wanted to do anyway. So I started looking at the want ads and applied for a part-time programmer trainee position. (I didn't have any idea what programmers did.) And, I ended up with a career I loved and which provided adequate income to support the kids and me when my marriage ended.

In 1998, Norma suggested we ride RAGBRAI (bike ride across Iowa), which she and Arnie and I did, and since then biking has taken up most of my free time between May and September. I've been on multiple day tours in Michigan, New York, Alaska, And North Carolina. Maybe Holland will be next! I just finished (Sept. 2009) my 11th 2-day, 150 mile fundraiser ride for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. In the winter, I just veg.

Jody Floor: Graduated from Southeast Missouri State with a BS in education...Frustrated secondary English teacher for a few years. (Do we see a pattern here?) In 2001, studied Massage Therapy at Ashmead College in Seattle and has been a practicing massage therapist since then. Although she enjoys her work, she would prefer not to be self-employed, and this winter (Jan. 2010), she will begin an Occupational Therapy Assistant program at a community college in Moberly, MO.

Ben Floor: BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri and MBA from William Woods University, Fulton, MO. Has been working in the wind industry for the last few years, currently, (2009) as U.S. Field Services Manager for Composotec, a Canadian company that repairs and refurbishes wind turbine blades.

Ben is the only member of our family who has made 'The Pilgrimage.' He visited Nieuw Beijerland in 1998 after college graduation. He very much enjoyed visiting with Jan Jaap and his wife and seeing the town and the bakery, and he “met the guy who started the fire.”

Al Guise: BA in political science from St. Louis University. Spent many years in the Air Force, including serving in SE Asia during the Vietnam era. Came back to St. Louis to run the family photography business which turned out to be a bad idea and turned to construction services. He worked for housing non-profits in the St. Louis area, and also was self-employed for a time. Al feels strongly that all income levels should have safe and affordable housing, and he was gratified to finish his career as the construction manager for Habitat for Humanity, St. Charles County, MO.

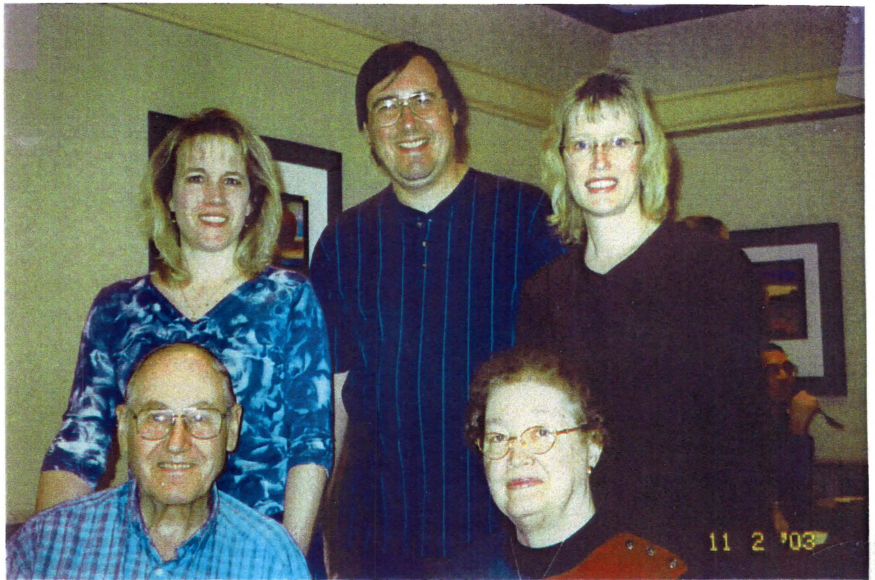
Al has done several short term construction related mission trips to El Salvador and Appalachia, and is currently helping set up a home repair ministry in our church. He's also a logistics guy and has become very active in planning and supporting the MS ride, as well as helping with other fundraisers they do, and biking fundraisers for other charities. In conjunction with that, he recently got his ham radio license.

Kent Guise (Al's son), a self employed construction worker. Kent has 2 sons, Matt, born in 1999, and Zachary, born in 2007, and a step-daughter, Emily Weber, born in 1997.

Marty Guise (Al's son) BA University of Missouri, St. Louis, graduate work Covenant Seminary, St. Louis. Executive Director of Lay Renewal Ministries, a Christian organization which works with churches throughout the country to motivate and equip their members for ministry. Marty is married to Diana, and they have two children, Drew, born in 1998, and Katie, born in 2001.

Godert Vander Hart Family

2011



Godert and Deloris Vander Hart, Cheryl, Gary and Ramona

Photo 2003

Helen
Walter

Godert Vander Hart was born on a farm in the Pella, Iowa area. Deloris Harmon was born in Waterloo, Iowa. After they married, they lived in Waterloo.

Godert was in Fuller Brush sales, and also in Insurance sales, starting his own agency. He retired from driving school bus.

Godert cared for Deloris, his wife, after she had a stroke in 2002 until 2006, the time of her death. Godert still lives in the house where they lived in since 1954. Godert's health remains very good, still mowing the yard and shoveling the snow. He enjoys time spent with family, attending family activities such as birthdays and holidays. He attends monthly meetings for the Audubon Bird Club and for families of stroke patients. He also enjoys the monthly travel films that the Kiwanis Club has. He enjoys reading about current events as well as politics and forever keeps busy with small projects around the house.

Godert's children:

Gary, (oldest): Works in the housekeeping department of the hospital.

Delivered papers for the local newspaper, Waterloo Courier.

Lives in Waterloo, Iowa.

Ramona (middle): Day Care in the home for 17 years.

BA in Family Services from University of Northern Iowa.

Masters Degree in Mental Health counseling at UNI.

Private Practice: "On Eagles Wings Counseling Services".

Lives in Waterloo, Iowa.

Cheryl (youngest): AA Ellsworth College, Fashion Merchandising.

Store manager of Women's Store.

Works at Principal Financial Group, for the past 15 years.

Lives in Waterloo, Iowa.

Stella Vander Hart Taylor Family

2011



Stella-Dwight
Photo 1980



L-R: Ruth and Rod Owensby, David and Linda Taylor, Dennis and Mary Ann Kelderman, Robert Taylor, Carrie and Bruce Taylor, Cliff and Lois Hedrick, Joan and Steve Wilson.

Helen
Walter

Stella, the second born child of Helen Dahm & Walter VanDer Hart, and Dwight A. Taylor, a farmer of rural Oskaloosa, met through mutual friends at a Bible conference in May 1948. Dwight began courting Stella and they were married at the Pella Gospel Chapel on December 13, 1949. They lived 6 miles SE of Oskaloosa. Dwight farmed with his father and together they operated a small hybrid seed corn company.

Seven children were born to them over an eleven year span. Stella had her own chicken and egg business along with a large apple orchard, selling apples in the fall. Stella had a heart for missions and reaching out to others; so it was not unusual to have missionaries spending a night or two in the house. If someone would stop in when visiting the local church, she often would invite them over for a meal and for fellowship.

The children learned to work and help out on the farm at a young age; feeding and watering the chickens, gathering eggs, working in the garden, detasseling corn, walking beans as a family. As adults all seven are grateful for having been raised on a farm and learning to work at a young age, and for Godly parents, who taught them to fear, love and obey God.

Stella died at the age of 57 of cancer and is buried in Highland Cemetery near Eddyville IA. Dwight later remarried, and moved to White Oak, Texas. He is buried in Longview TX.

Ruth met Rodney Owensby, from Momence, Illinois at John Brown University, a Christian College in Arkansas in the fall of 1968. They were married in December of 1969. Rod is a Business Education teacher at Burlington IA Community High School and Ruth subs occasionally as a teacher's assistant and enjoys keeping the home. Five children were born to them: Michelle (Bennett), who went to be with the Lord in Feb. 2000; Mark and his wife Leah, have three children; Matt and his wife Heather, have five children; Martha, soon to be married to Dean Petersen, and have a son; and Molly, presently an Elementary Ed. Student at Emmaus Bible College. Ruth and Rod Owensby live in Burlington IA.

David (Dave) met Linda DeJong through mutual friends and they were married in June of 1995. Dave farms the homestead Grandfather Taylor began 74 years ago and Linda is a homemaker/home-teacher to their five children: Jacob 11½, Alexis (Lexi) 10½, Tucker 9, Jackson 5½, and Lacey, 2 ½. They live 6 mi SE of Osky.

Mary Ann taught at Pleasantville Community Schools for five years. She met Dennis Kelderman in the spring of 1980 and they were married in May of 1981. They reside in Wichita KS where Dennis works at Cessna. Mary Ann is a homemaker and has a ministry grading Bible courses for a prison ministry. They have three children: Andrew, who married an Irish gal Claire, in May 2010, teaches chemistry at North High in Wichita and is working on his masters. Hannah is a chemistry/biology teacher at North High in Wichita and Simon, is attending Wichita State.

Robert met Leilani Kauffman at Emmaus Bible College and they were married in June 1983. Robert works as a water plant manager for Lancaster PA and Leilani, is a homemaker. Four children were born to them: Philip, Estel, Doris Ann, and Stella Joy, all adults. Doris Ann will be married in May of 2011. Robert and Leilani first became foster parents to Olivia 8, and Lexi 4, then adopted them as their own.

Bruce met Carrie Rice through Christian friends, and were married in May 1955. Bruce works as an electrician with John Van Wyngarden and Carrie is a homemaker/home-school teacher. They have three children: Bracken 12, Reina 10 and Theron 6. They live SW of Oskaloosa/Beacon IA.

Lois graduated from the University of Northern Iowa and taught at an elementary Christian school for several years then in an elementary public school until 1994. She met Cliff Hedrick at a Bible Chapel that they both attended and they were married in August of 1992. Cliff works as an accountant for a fertilizer company and Lois is a homemaker and substitute teacher. They are so thankful to God for their one child, Emily, 11. They live in Wichita KS.

Joan and Steve met during their college years at John Brown University in Arkansas. Steve graduated in May of 1983 with a degree in business education. They married June 4, 1983. Steve taught high school business classes in Springdale AR the 1983-84 school year while Joan finished at JBU with a degree in elementary ed.

They moved to Colorado Springs in June of 1984. Joan taught 4th grade for two years before their first daughter was born. The Lord has blessed them with four daughters: Rachelle, 23 years old; Stephanie, 21 yrs old; Danielle, 19 yrs. old; and Kristen, 17 yrs. old. The greatest joy is to see their daughters and son-in-law grow in their walk with the Lord and desire to live for Him.

Steve has been in education through all these years. They lived in Ellicott, CO where he taught and coached and then moved into an assistant principal position over the 16 years there. They moved to Simla CO in the summer of 2000 where he became the jr/sr high school principal for 5 years and has been the district superintendent since 2005. He completed his masters degree in educational leadership in 1989, and went on to complete the principal and superintendent certification programs in 1997 and 2004. For the last 14 years Joan has provided daycare for other teachers' children.

Both Steve and Joan have enjoyed watching all of their daughters participate in volleyball, basketball, and track through their high school years. Steve and Joan's oldest two daughters graduated from John Brown University with degrees in education. Rachelle married Brian Nienhuis in May 2008. Their third daughter has finished her freshman year at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and their fourth daughter will be a senior in high school this fall.

They continue to meet with believers in the Lord Jesus Christ at Northeast Bible Chapel in Colorado Springs, where they have been involved since their move to Colorado about 26 yrs. ago. It has been a huge blessing for their family to be taught, challenged, and encouraged from God's Word and to enjoy the love and fellowship of precious believers. They are so thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness to continue His work in their lives and to draw them closer to his Son.



Jacob and Irene

Jacob J. Van Der Hart Family

March 2010

Jacob John Van Der Hart was born on May 14, 1926. Jacob has lived and farmed in the Peoria neighborhood for about 60 years. He has farmed the land, fed cattle, and did silo repair work for Badger Silo Unloaders. Jacob married Irene Carson in 1949. Irene passed away in the nursing home in June 2008. They were married 58 years. Jacob is still farming and is healthy. Jacob loves the Lord and attends the Hillside Bible Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa

Their son, **Donald James**, was born Nov. 22, 1952.

Donald served in the U.S. Army for 6 years. Donald and Debby (Wilson) were married on May 8, 1976. Their son John James Van Der Hart was born on April 28, 1977, and their daughter Sarah Sue was born on October 14, 1983. Donald has farmed for 33 years with his father, Jacob. He also drives truck and hauls grain for their farm. They have lived near Peoria for 22 years. Donald and Debby enjoy riding horses and are members of the Monroe County Saddle Club.



Donald and Debby



Jeanetta Van Der Hart

January, 2010

Photo 1992

I was born June 19, 1927, the 4th of 11 children. There were 8 boys and 3 girls. I was the middle girl.

I was born between Pella and Oskaloosa on what was then known as the "white way," later becoming the paved high-way to Oskaloosa. Not long after I was born, my parents moved 2 miles west of Peoria. They bought a farm that had a large house. I attended Sheesley Rural School, grades 1-9. Later I took a high school correspondence course.

I started working at Rolscreen Company in 1951 and retired from there in 1993. Since then I've done some part time jobs.

I bought a house approximately 50 years ago, at 608 University St, in Pella, where I still reside.

I've worked with children and youth for many years having Bible Clubs. I helped in Bible Camps and taught Sunday School.

Both of my sisters died of cancer. One brother died in infancy, and my brother John went to Heaven as a result of a heart attack. I still have 6 living brothers.



John and Reba

John William Vander Hart Family 2011

John William Vander Hart met Reba June Briggs at a Bible Conference in Lyman IA. They began dating and eventually married on January 1, 1954. After a honeymoon to the southwest, they rented a home/acreage near Lyman and farmed. While there, they had their first child, Linda June.

After a couple years, they decided to return to John's home territory, New Sharon IA (Lower Grove area) and continued farming. Janice Lee, Carol Grace, and Alice Marie were born while they lived in this area.

In 1964, they decided to put down roots in the Lyman area by purchasing a 250 acre home/farm. The long trip with all their belongings took quite a while because tractors move very slowly and was not without incident. Here on the farm, a couple years after settling, they decided to dig a basement under the house and add a back porch and a bathroom as it was rather cold going to and from the outhouse all the time. Here, Martha Rose and Harold John were born. John and Reba worked very hard to make a living on the farm by raising pigs, cows, corn, beans, hay, oats and 6 children. The family enjoyed attending the local assembly at Lyman Gospel Hall and also traveled to many Bible conferences on weekends. Gardening was a big part of the family life. Reba enjoyed canning and freezing, baking and being a homemaker. John loved anything John Deere and talking about the weather, or about anything.

In 1969, John was in a farming accident in which it made it more difficult to farm. In 1962, they sold the property and John worked for various farmers as a hired hand. He also worked for a large hog operation and a mechanical construction company. The family moved to Cumberland IA in 1976 where they purchased a home in town. John found a good employer at Atlantic Bottling Company (Coke) and from there retired in about 1995. John went to be with his Lord and Savior in November of 2000 and Reba resides in Parker CO with her daughter, Martha.

Linda June married John Hartkopf in 1976. They reside in Atlantic IA and John is in the owner of a family construction business while Linda enjoys her work on the City Council and is manager of the Country Club. They have 3 children: Christina, Jessica & Bradley.

Janice Lee married Steven Walrath in 1983. They reside in Florence KY and Steve is an air traffic controller at the Cincinnati airport while Janice is an accountant for a trucking firm. They have 4 children: Robert, Cathryn, Jonathan & Melissa.

Carol Grace married Floyd Johnson in 1981. They reside in Omaha NE and Floyd is a marketer for financial products while Carol is a homemaker. They have 3 children: Stephanie, Laura and Jacquelyn

Alice Marie married Mark Jaccobberger in 1983. They reside in Colorado Springs CO and Mark is in the financial market while Alice is a homemaker. They have 4 children, Nathan, Andrew, David & Matthew.

Martha Rose married Michael Gardner in 1985. They reside in Parker CO and Mike is a manager for an auto parts store while Martha is employed at Macy's. They have 4 children: Brandon, Lori, Alyssa & Breanna.

Harold John married Melissa Goetsch in 1989. They reside in Fort Calhoun NE and Harold owns Wood Specialties while Melissa is a homemaker. They have 3 children: Deborah, Mitchell & Daniel.

Back: Alice Jacobberger,
Janice Walrath,
Martha Gardner

Front: Linda Hartkopf
Carol Johnson
Harold Vander Hart



Photo 2007

Helen
Walter

Henry Van Der Hart Family

2011



Henry Van Der Hart was born on July 17, 1931, the seventh of eleven children of Walter Van Der Hart and Helen (Dahm) at the family farm near Peoria, Iowa. When Henry entered public school at the age of five, he spoke little English. He left the school after the eighth grade to work on the family farm tilling corn, oats, alfalfa, and clover and tending to dairy cows, sheep, chickens, and hogs. He began his personal relationship with Jesus Christ at the age of fourteen, documented in his testimony tract, "Saved in a Cornfield" written in 1976. In 1946, he moved with his parents and four younger siblings to rural Casa Grande, Arizona. The five older siblings stayed behind, and Helen returned home to Iowa in 1952.



Henry and Ann

Helen
Walter

Henry helped his father establish a farm near Coolidge, Arizona until he was drafted into the army in January of 1952. He attended boot camp at Camp Pickett, Virginia, and then completed medic classes at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Before boarding a ship to Korea in October, 1952 he trained at Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Because he entered the army as a conscientious objector (refusing to bear arms for religious beliefs), he was assigned as a medic to the 180th Medical Company, 45th Infantry Division. He accompanied soldiers to the front lines, provided immediate first aide to the wounded and helped transport injured soldiers to field hospitals. Henry met a few men who made a lasting impression on him during his time in the army, including Felix L. Scott, a black soldier from Plain Dealing, Louisiana, and Floyd B. Allen, a sheep farmer from Ashland, Kentucky.

Henry was discharged from the army in October of 1953 and began working for a chicken farmer named Emil Rovey west of Phoenix. He met his future bride, Ann (White), of Albuquerque, New Mexico at the San Diego bible conference in January 1958 and married her on September 15, 1958 at the Albuquerque Gospel Hall. They made their home and started a family in Phoenix while Henry worked for the United States Postal Service as a mail sorter. Their three oldest children, Timothy, Mark, and Rhoda were born in Phoenix. In February of 1969 they moved to Iowa where Henry worked for his older brother John for one year before moving to rural Valley, Nebraska where he worked for a farmer named Willard Wedberg. Their last child, Phillip was born in Omaha, Nebraska in July of 1969. Henry was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997. He now resides with his wife in Mobile, Alabama and gathers with Christians at the Tylertown assembly in Mississippi.

Henry has been an avid vegetable gardener for his entire life, looking for a patch of sunshine and a plot of earth to till, whether residing in Iowa, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arizona, or Alabama. Henry has left a trail of fruit trees in almost every place he has lived, rarely remaining to reap the rewards of his stewardship, but hopefully bringing joy to others who have followed. At the age of 79 and fighting prostate cancer and metastatic bone cancer, gardening remains an enduring passion and good reason to get up every morning to check the thermometer and rain gauge before his daily one mile walk.

Timothy Vander Hart and his wife, Michelle (Randolph) of Omaha, reside in rural Palo Verde, Arizona and run a large alfalfa farm supplying feed for many area dairies. Their oldest daughter, Esther, is married to Tom Camarra of Worchester, Mass., and has one daughter Sophia. Their oldest son, Matthew, is married to Jessica Robertson of Phoenix and has one son Cade. Their second son, Joseph, is married to Rachel (Wilson) of Phoenix. Their youngest daughter, Bethany, is attending Arizona State University.



Michelle and Timothy

Mark Vander Hart and his wife, Dorcas (Eadie) of Omaha, reside in Elkhorn, Nebraska and own two car repair shops, one in Elkhorn and one in Blair. Their oldest daughter, Priscilla, is married to Joel Frazier of Lancaster, Wisconsin and has two sons, Ezra and Titus. Their second daughter, Mary, is married to Kanti Rama of Blue River Wisconsin, and has a daughter Olivia, and a son, Nathan. Mark and Dorcas have seven more children: Joshua, Gabriel, David, Levi, Michael, Julia, and Josiah who remain at home.



Dorcas and Mark

Rhoda (Vander Hart) is married to Thomas Herder of West Palm Beach, Florida. They reside in Mobile, Alabama. Rhoda is a registered nurse working in the post anesthesia care unit and Tom is a marine biologist working for the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.



Rhoda and Thomas

Phillip Vander Hart is married to Lisa (Shaffer) of Joliet Illinois. They reside in Buckeye, Arizona. Phillip owns and operates a semi tractor trailer. He has a son, Jeffery Vander Hart, and twins, Alexandria and Allicia McDonald.



Phillip and Lisa

James Vander Hart Family

2010



James and Freda

Helen
Walter

We are still living on the same farm place we have lived all our married life, which will be 50 years in August. This is the place where Joe and Minnie Dahm lived.

We are enjoying our retirement years, taking a vacation in Arizona almost every year.

Our son Dennis and his wife Pam, live in Shelbyville, Michigan. This gives us a good reason to see that part of the country as well.

Dennis is working in sales for Grand Slam Tree Equipment, which sells used equipment such as stump cutters, loaders, and brush chippers. They have a son Dale who is 14 years, and a daughter Melissa who is 8 years.



Dennis, Dale, Pam, Melissa Photo2009

Raymond Vander Hart Family

Sept, 2010



Raymond and Arlene photo 2002

Arlene and I, after a prolonged courtship, (approximately 4 ½ years), were married on March 8, 1963. After a short honeymoon we resided at 307 E. 2nd St., Pella, Iowa, where we are still living.

Arlene has been a stay at home wife, homemaker and mother all these years, raising two children.

This ex-farm boy has worked the first 40 plus years at the Pella Window and Door Factory, (now Pella Corp) while also spending some overtime hours on the farm. My hobby, even before being married, has been gardening each year.

Since retirement in mid-1999, I have been a part-time aid to motor vehicle service shops and departments, and still am.

Our oldest child, Raylene, is married to David DeReus and now lives in Blair, Nebraska. He works for IC1-a maintenance and construction company and works in the Western Iowa and Eastern Nebraska area. Raylene works part-time in a Senior Care Center. She has 5 children: a son Jayson, 27 years old, employed by Cargill Inc., a son Jeremiah, 23 years old, living in Oskaloosa, IA and is a cook at a restaurant there. Her daughter Lindsey is 13 years old, son Jayden is 10 years old, and daughter, Hannah is 8 years old.

Our son, Curtis and his wife Rhonda, live in Oskaloosa, IA. He has been a truck driver since getting out of high school, and is presently hauling liquid products processed mostly from corn. Rhonda for the most part has been a homemaker and mother, raising their two boys. Their oldest son, Zachariah, is 16 years old. The younger son, Alexander is 6 years old.

Raylene's son, Jeremiah and wife Lindsey have a son--our first great grandchild who is 21 months old.



Curtis, Arlene, Raymond, Raylene 40th anniversary 2003

Nelly Anna Vander Hart Yeo Family

2011



Nelly is the 10th child of Walter and Helen Dahm Van Der Hart. She was born on May 23, 1935 in the Peoria area. Nelly attended grade school with her brothers at Sheesely and Warren schools in Iowa and graduated from Casa Grande Arizona Elementary.

Her parents moved to Arizona in 1944. She lived with the family on the farm near Florence, AZ until 1954 when she moved to Glendale, AZ and worked for a farmer's wife who had a large family. She also worked in a bank where she met her husband, John Yeo, and was married. They lived in Arizona and Massachusetts and became parents to 2 sons, Bruce and Daniel, and daughter Michelle. She was a devoted mother and enjoyed cooking and loved to make pies, following in her mother's steps.

After her husband left her, she became employed with Pinal County, both at the hospital and the courthouse in Florence, AZ. She enjoyed her grandchildren and enjoyed presenting the Gospel to them faithfully. She loved the outdoors where she had some chickens as she enjoyed fresh eggs each morning, and had eggs for baking her goodies. She lived on the family farm where a new home was built, and lived there until the time of her death on December 8, 2007.

Nelly's 3 children are:

Daniel, and wife Cassie are the parents of 2 children, Alyssa and Seth. Daniel is employed for the water utility company in Coolidge, AZ and Cassie is a part-time elementary teacher and homemaker. Cassie and Daniel lived with Nelly after Nelly became ill and cared for her faithfully until Nelly's death.

Bruce lives in Casa Grande with daughters Ashley and Fallon, and is employed as a Store Manager of Frys Super-Market in Chandler, AZ.

Michelle married Jim England and they lived in Showlow, AZ and were parents of 2 children, Brittany and James. At the age of 26, Michelle died of cancer.



Bruce, Nelly, Michelle, Daniel Yeo
1994

Clarence and Virginia Vander Hart

(No children)



Helen
Walter

Clarence is the 11th child of Walter and Helen Dahm VanDer Hart and was born July 5, 1938 on the farm near Peoria, IA. Clarence began school at Sheesely and Warren Schools, moving to Arizona with the family in 1946 where he attended the Florence and Casa Grande Schools. After graduation Clarence worked on the family farm until he was drafted into the Army in 1961. He served 2 years in Germany. After discharge, he returned to the farm. Clarence married Virginia Richards in 1964.

Upon his marriage, the decision was made to live near the Phoenix Gospel Hall Assembly where he and his wife were dedicated to the company of Christians there. Leaving the farm, he went to work for the electric utility company, Arizona Public Service, retiring after 35 years of service. Clarence and Virginia enjoyed Bible Conferences wherever they visited and made the Christians their extended family as they had no children of their own. They cared for their parents on both sides of their families and their home was always open to entertain visitors. 2011

Dorothy Dahm Van Kooten Family 2011



Dorothy and Richard Photo 2003



L-R: Cheryl Hageman, Dorothy, Robert Van Kooten, Rich, David Van Kooten, Kathy Howie, Pam Boat Photo 2004

Dorothy was born in the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa on April 17, 1932. She graduated from the Peoria Chr. School and then attended Pella Chr. High School, graduating in 1949. Those were the days when muddy gravel roads made the transportation very difficult at times. She also spent many hours assisting her father as a clerk in the Peoria Store. She then began her college career. Dorothy spent one year at Central College and one year at Calvin College in Grand Rapids MI. She taught for 2 years in Holland MI and then transferred to Pella Chr. Grade School where she taught for 3 years. She married Richard Van Kooten and after 2 years in Pella, moved to her parents' home in Peoria where they owned and operated the Peoria Store for 33 years. Later she also worked as an Activity Director at Hilltop, an assisted living center in Pella. She also finished her college courses, graduating from Central in 1983. She has enjoyed co-authoring a book with her brother Jim, about the origins of the town of Peoria, IA. She has been very involved in the Scholte House in Pella IA as well as many church activities. The couple has lived in Pella for 23 years and appreciate having grandchildren nearby.

Richard Van Kooten was born at home, on a farm near New Sharon, IA on Nov. 27, 1927. He attended a country school nearby and then graduated from the New Sharon High School in 1945. He was drafted almost immediately and served a year in the U.S. Army until the war was over. Later he re-enlisted in the Korean War. He was released early in 1952, due to the tragic death of his brother Calvin, who was killed in an automobile accident. Rich also attended Central College and a Trade school in Chicago where he majored in automobile mechanics. He then worked at the White Way Automobile Company as a mechanic. He was married to Dorothy Dahm in 1954, and the couple moved to Peoria in 1956. Rich operated the Peoria Store for 33 years. In 1989 he sold the business and retired to Pella IA. His hobbies include reading, especially current events, and visiting friends at the coffee shop. He greatly enjoys his grandchildren.

Their Children:

Cheryl Jean Van Kooten Hageman was born on April 22, 1957 in the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa. She attended the Peoria Chr. Grade School and then went on to graduate from Pella Chr. High School. She graduated from Dordt College in Sioux Center IA with a degree in secondary education with an English major. Cheryl has always enjoyed writing. Cheryl then accepted a teaching position on Ontario CA. In 1991 she met a young man named Robert Hageman who was also attending a summer school session at Calvin College in Grand Rapids MI. They were married on July 3, 1992. Rob had been teaching in Edgerton MN. They were able to find teaching positions in Ontario CA and this became their home for 17 years. After the children were born, Cheryl spent some time working for the Lockheed Aircraft Company. Later the family moved to Pella IA where Rob taught in Pella Chr. High School and Cheryl worked in the school library. After 5 years Denver Chr. called them to teach over there. Cheryl is now working as a teaching assistant in a charter school in Denver.

Rob Hageman was born in Denver on Jan. 19, 1955. He is a graduate of the Denver Chr. School system. He then attended Calvin College where he majored in English and Drama. Rob enjoys writing and directing plays. In August they plan to attend the wedding of their oldest son Chris who will marry Miss Lauren Cook. Emily will be a Senior at Dordt College majoring in music and Jonathan plans to be a college freshman at Dordt College.

Pamela Joy Van Kooten Boat was born in the Mercy Hospital in Oskaloosa IA on Sept. 30, 1958. Pam graduated from the Peoria Christian School and then from Pella Chr. Hi School in 1976. She then attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids MI. She was there for 2 years and went on to graduate from the Blodgett School of Nursing with an RN degree. After graduation she found employment in the Pella Regional Health Center and is now a Nursing Supervisor. She has just completed her 33rd year. In 2006 she decided to go back to school and graduated with a BSN degree from Grandview College. Pam especially enjoys using her skills in Overseas Mission Trips. She has been to Haiti four times and also to Africa and Honduras. Nursing has been a very fulfilling career for her.

On August 15, 1980 Pam married Kenrick Boat. Rick grew up in Pella, attended the Pella Schools and graduated from Central College in 1980 with a business major. He joined his father in a firm called Vermeer Iowa. The firm sells equipment made by the Vermeer factory. Rick now manages the business. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, biking, and traveling. They are the parents of 3 children. Brandon works for Americore and lives in Minneapolis MN. Brenna is a nurse and lives in Chicago. Derek attends Hope College in Holland MI.

David Van Kooten was born on May 26, 1961. He had a twin brother born at the same time, but the other little boy did not survive, living only 3 hours. David attended the Peoria Christian School and then graduated from Pella Chr. Hi School. He graduated from Dordt College with a business degree. David later took additional classes and developed a major in Elementary Education. (He also worked for his father in the Peoria Store and became acquainted with all the customers.) David accepted a teaching position in Naples FL and later in Terra Ceia NC. This proved to be an interesting place for him as here he met his wife to be: Irene Mackus. They were married on Dec. 29, 1990 in Gr. Rapids MI. Both of them then taught in Alameda CA. They finally settled in Everett WA. David teaches 7th grade in the local middle school and Irene teaches grades 3 and 4 at the Everett Chr. School. David enjoys flowers and yard work and is also a great reader.

Irene (Mackus) Van Kooten was born on Oct. 27, 1966. She has lived in various cities in Michigan. She graduated from Calvin College in Gr Rapids MI with a major in Elementary Education. Irene has helped with several church organizations such as Coffee Break and Sunday School. She enjoys music, especially playing the violin. She is also busy taking the children to their various activities. Their children are Andrew, born on June 15, 1994; Kayla Rose born on July 22, 1997; and Alex who was born on August 10, 2000.

Robert Van Kooten was born to Richard and Dorothy Van Kooten on July 19, 1967, in Oskaloosa IA. He is the fourth of five children. Rob grew up in Peoria IA, and while attending the Peoria Christian Grade School and Pella Christian Hi school, worked with his dad in the Peoria Store. After graduation from Dordt College in 1989, Rob could have been the third generation Dahm to run the Peoria Store. Instead, Rob felt the Lord's call to the gospel ministry and attended Reformed Bible College for one year, followed by four years at Westminster Seminary in California. After graduation from seminary he moved to Oak Harbor WA to plant an Orthodox Presbyterian Church. There he met his wife Jenee, and he has been living there every since. Rob enjoys the ministry and especially preaching!

Jenee was born to Rudie & Renee Duysings in August of 1974 in San Jose CA. She is the second of seven children. Her education includes some years at San Jose Christian School with the remaining Jr. High, High School and beginning college course years being home-educated. She moved with her family in 1989, to Whidbey Island, WA. Her acquaintance with Rob began in the fall of 1994 when he was called to pastor the new OPC church plant that Jenee's father organized in Oak Harbor WA. They were married in October 1995. God has blessed them with 5 children: Calvin '96, Taylor '98, Aaron '00, Daniel '03, Nathan '05. Her passions, interests, and hobbies include teaching, cooking/catering, gardening, singing, reading and dancing. Jenee currently resides in Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island, WA on 2.5 acres surrounded by her family, extended family; keeping busy home-educating her children, serving as pastor's wife, managing her food buyer's club (21 years) and serving Her Lord..

Kathy Lou Van Kooten Howie was born in Oskaloosa, but grew up in Peoria. I went to Calvin College graduating with a psychology major. I lived in Colorado and Washington, and now am back in Pella. I work at SOY, Serve Our Youth, which provides mentors for high risk kids in Iowa. I have 2 sons: Ryan is 12, and Kyle is 10. They attend Pella Chr. Grade School. The boys enjoy soccer and football, and want to grow up to be storm chasers!



Cheryl and Rob
Hageman



Rick and Pam
Boat



David and Irene
Van Kooten



Robert and Jenee
Van Kooten



Kathy Howie



James and Marlene Dahm

James P. Dahm Family

2009

I have been in dental practice in Pella, Iowa for almost 42 years. It wasn't a direct road. Following graduation from Central College in Pella in 1957, I became a physical therapist working in hospitals in Iowa City and Des Moines. After 4 years I entered dental school at the University of Iowa. Upon graduation in 1966, I became eligible for the draft during the Viet Nam War. I was fortunate to enter the US public Health Service for 2 years where I was assigned to a new Federal Penitentiary in Marion ILL as the dental officer. This was the replacement prison for Alcatraz. It was a good experience.

I have been a practicing dentist in Pella since 1968 and continue in that effort 2 days each week. Having just celebrated my 74th birthday, it has been said of me that I don't sit still easily. That assumption may be accurate.

In 1958 I married Marlene Holleman from Springfield, SD. Marlene attended Central College in Pella, and was an elementary schoolteacher for 6 years before becoming a homemaker.

We have 3 children:

Jeff is married to Sharon Byker from Hawarden, IA. Jeff is also a dentist and has been for almost 17 years. He is my son and my boss! Sharon has a degree in music therapy. Jeff and ~~Jane~~^{Sharon} have 3 sons, Jacob, Nicholas, and Samuel, the Dahm brothers! (*Jacob is the 4th Jacob Dahm in the family.*) They have one daughter Maria.

Jane is married to Tim Rozendaal from Otley, IA. Jane attended Dordt, and is employed by her brother Jeff in the dental office where she is much involved in the business office. Tim, trained in tool and dye work, is now in business with his father in tiling, earth moving and such construction. Jane and Tim have 1 son Justin, and one daughter, Kendra.

Sara is married to Chuck De Groat from Long Island, NY. She has a Registered Nurse degree as well as a Masters in counseling. Chuck is a graduate of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando FL. Having recently received his PHD degree, they have moved to San Francisco where Chuck is on the staff at City Church of San Francisco. He is busy with teaching, preaching, counseling and more. Chuck and Sara have 2 daughters: Emma and Margaret.



L-R Jeff and Sharon Dahm, Chuck and Sara De Groat, Jim and Marlene Dahm, Tim and Jane Rozendaal.



Estella Dahm Vis Family

2011

Allen and Estella

Estella attended Dordt College, Sioux Center IA, the 2nd year it opened. As there was a great demand for teachers at that time, teacher training was top priority. Thus after 2 years of college, I taught 1 year in the Peoria Chr. School, and 1 year in Moline MI. At Dordt, I met Allen Vis of Chandler, MN. We married, and he finished at Calvin College in 1960. We then moved to Edgerton MN and have lived here for 51 years.

When the children were small, I chose to stay home with the children, but when they were in school, I worked in the Title I Program (remedial reading and math) in Edgerton Chr. Elem School for 13 years. Allen (Bud) taught in the Edgerton Chr. School System (elementary and secondary) for 21 years. He then spent 22 years in financial and estate planning for the Waddell and Reed Company, and is now retired. Besides volunteering in the community, I have been involved in leading and being a mentor in the Friendship Program (Bible studies for the mentally impaired) in our church for 24 years.

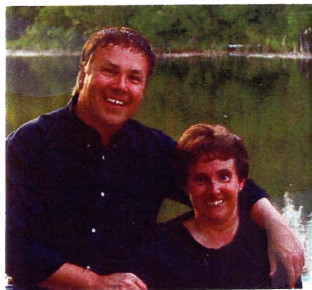
Besides the home, my early training was clerking in the Peoria Store for my dad.. I really did learn a lot through the years: religious, historical, and political, but educating me on doing all that math "in your head" in those days was not a success...

Debra was married for 25 years to Chad Fey, an Emergency Room Medical Doctor. Deb passed away in 2008 at the age of 47. Despite struggling with Multiple Sclerosis for 21 years, her trust in the Lord, and positive attitude encouraged all who knew her. Deb's motto was written on her kitchen wall: "*Be Still and Know that I am God.*" Their daughter, Ericka, and husband Nathan Strauman, live in Minneapolis. Their son Elliot lives in Sioux Falls SD. Ericka, Nathan and Elliot all attended Northwestern College in St. Paul MN.

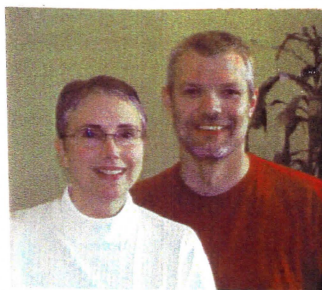
Julie, married to Ernest Stellingwerff, lives in Renton WA Both are graduates of Reformed Bible College, Grand Rapids MI. Julie home-schools their one daughter, Abbey. Ernest is Production Manager at Eldorado Stone in Everett WA They are both active in the Renton Bible Church, Julie with music and quilting, and Ernest with the youth and Bible Studies.

Trent Vis is married to Dawn (Smit). Trent, graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, with a degree in Computer Science. Trent works for Berkley Technology Service in Urbandale, IA as a Computer Analyst.. Dawn graduated in 2008 from Wm Penn College with a degree in Business Management. She is working for the Rasmussen Company in Des Moines as an Executive Assistant. Their children, Lindsey and Nathan attend the Des Moines IA Chr. School. The family attends the Westkirk Presbyterian Church in Urbandale IA

Melanie is a graduate of Dordt College, Sioux Center IA with degrees in business and history. She earned a Masters Degree in History Administration from Eastern IL University in Charleston IL. She presently works for Sheboygan County Chr. High School in Sheboygan WI doing marketing, recruitment and helping with development. She married Steven Wisse, a graduate of Trinity Chr. College in Palos Heights IL with a degree in business and finance. He is a Vice Pres. at the Oostburg WI State Bank, and president of the Cedar Grove Office. Their sons Alec and Trevor attend Oostburg Chr. School.



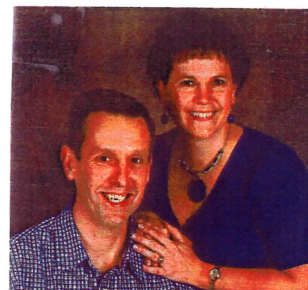
Chad and Deb



Julie and Ernest

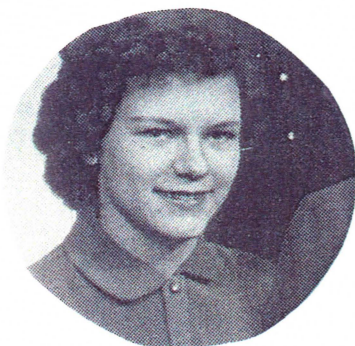


Trent and Dawn



Steve and Melanie

Jake
Effe



Laverne Joanne McDonald

Born June 19, 1934 (family name Kelly)

Graduated from Pella Chr. Hi in 1952.

Married:

1. Anton Bos divorced

2. Klingaman divorced

2 sons: Scott Klingaman, Denver

Mike Klingaman Denver

3. McDonald

Died Dec. 23, 1983 at age 49, of a liver ailment at Broadlawns Medical Center, Des Moines. No services, the body was donated to the University of Osteopathic and Medicine and Health Sciences, Des Moines.

(Information taken from an obituary notice in the Des Moines paper, 1983)

Lavonne Murial Heimbaugh

Born June 19, 1934 (family name Kelly)

Attended Pella Chr. Hi, Fr. and Soph. years.

Married :

1. Carol Van Kampen divorced

2 sons: Carol Dean Van Kampen

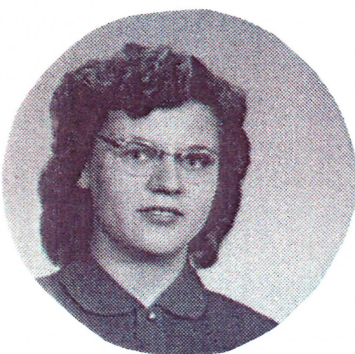
Darrell Van Kampen (Oskaloosa)

2. Jim Heimbaugh. They owned Brass Rail Lounge. Member of VFW Des Moines.

Heimbaugh died 1976.

Lavonne lived in Oskaloosa the later years. Aunt Minnie passed away, and left her a Bible, and \$1,000 dollars.

Lavonne died April 13, 2006. Her body is buried in Deep River IA. Her real brother, Harvey Calvin, had an extra lot and gave it for Lavonne to be buried.



Ronald Pothoven Family 2011

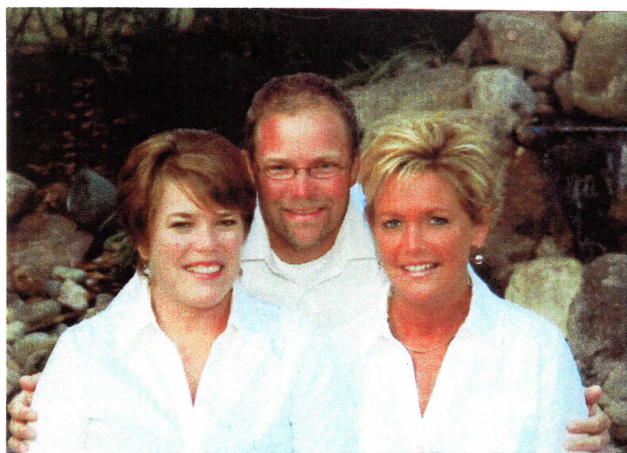


Ron and Iris Pothoven

Ron: I was born in Denver, CO in 1936. The family moved to Holland in 1946. After graduating from Holland Christian High, I attended Calvin College and graduated in 1958. I obtained a MA degree from Michigan State in Social Studies. In 1959 I married Iris Buteyn and started teaching at Allendale Christian Junior High in Allendale MI. In 1964 we moved to Holland, MI where I taught American government and history at Holland Christian High until I retired in 1998. While teaching at Holland Christian I also coached tennis for 19 years. Since retiring we have enjoyed traveling in the US, Canada, and once to Europe. I continue to enjoy retirement by playing golf, singing in our large church choir, and attending events of our 8 grandchildren.

Iris: I was born in Sheboygan, WI in 1937. After graduating from high school in 1955, I attended Calvin College and graduated in 1959 with a degree in elementary education. After we were married in 1959 and moved to Allendale, I taught 2nd grade at Allendale Christian School. Our girls were both born while we lived in Allendale. Two years after our move to Holland MI, Chuck was born. After substitute teaching for 8 years I was hired by Holland Christian Schools in 1981 to teach preschool which I did for 18 years. I retired in 1999. I have enjoyed traveling, being involved in children's ministry at church and singing in our church choir in my retirement.

Stella
Garret



Carla, Chuck and Cheryl.

Carla: Born in 1960. Graduated from Calvin in 1983 with a music major and is currently director of music at Beechwood Reformed Church in Holland, MI.

Chuck: Born in 1966. Graduated from Calvin in 1990 with an English major and is currently teaching English at South Christian High in Cutlerville, MI.

Cheryl: Born in 1962. Graduated from Blodgett School of Nursing as an RN and is currently employed at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, MI as a recovery room nurse.

Carol Pothoven Topp Family

2011



L-R: David, Dale Topp, Carol Topp, Belinda, Mike, Jill and Karen

Dale Topp: He was born in Holland MI; we met in high school playing clarinets together. He graduated from Calvin, then U of M with his Masters and PhD. He taught Music Education 40 years at Calvin College. He fully retired two years ago. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease almost five years ago. He is doing fairly well, keeps busy with lots of opportunities at Calvin (we live just across the street from the campus), such as CALL classes, lectures, concerts, coffee with former colleagues. We also have a cottage near Lake Michigan and spend our summers living there. Our kids come frequently, they all love the beach, campfires, jet skiing, picnics, birthday parties and just hanging out. We sometimes are sleeping with wall to wall sleeping bags. This can include grandchildren as well as great grandchildren. We also have done quite a bit of traveling including Europe and the Middle East. Our last big trip was to Disney World. We took our kids and grandkids there to celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary in 2007.

Carol Pothoven Topp: After high school, I obtained my LPN (Practical Nursing) to help put Dale through graduate school. I went back to college after having raised the kids and graduated from Calvin with a BA. Then on to graduate school for an MSW (Masters in Social Work). I have worked at the Christian Counseling Center for 25 years. I love my work and have no immediate plans to retire fully. I keep very busy with an active family--we have six grandchildren in their 20s (three are married with six great grandchildren.) Then we also have four teenage grandchildren, and two little ones--four and seven. Dale and I take exercise classes three times a week plus try to work out daily. In the summer it is mostly just walking and riding our bikes. We both love to read, are not much into TV.

David--son. He is our only birth child, born August 30, 1957. He and his family moved to Lafayette IN almost two years ago, after having spent his first 24 years in Lawrence KS. He and his wife, Liz both have PhD's and worked for Kansas University. They now are both employed by Purdue University, she as the chair of the Pharmaceutics department and he as researcher director studying families who have been part of the Armed Forces. They have two sons, one in high school and one in college.

Belinda--daughter. She is married to Stephen Kelley who is a converted Muslim. She met him in a young adults group at our church almost thirty years ago. He has his MDiv from Calvin Seminary, works traveling a lot to the Middle East where he helps new Christian converts from Islam integrate into a new life. They lived in England for 14 years, but moved back to Grand Rapids when their children moved back to go to Calvin. We love having her closer. She works for Lake Michigan Credit Union.

Mike--son. He is married to Lynn, they have two married children, and one married stepson. They are the proud grandparents of our six great grandchildren. They both were employed for an auto manufacturer near Cincinnati but both lost their jobs when the economy tanked. They are now both in school, retraining for a medical job. All of their children live in Ohio as well.

Jill--daughter. She is divorced, lives alone about four miles from our home, works in security for Spectrum Health Hospital. She has an interesting job with many stories. She has a daughter who works in Muskegon as manager of Annie's Pretzels and who commutes to Cornerstone University working on her BA. As you can tell from the picture, Jill, Mike and Belinda are birth siblings, and even their kids look alike.

Karen--daughter. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Lansing with their two children (our youngest grandkids.) Karen is a stay-at-home mom after graduating from Calvin College, and Jeff is employed by Consumer's Energy in Jackson.



Marcia Pothoven
2010

Sisters Carol Pothoven Topp and Marcia Pothoven
Photo 2007

Thanks to Carol for sharing the history of Marcia's life.

Marcia was born six months after our family moved to Holland, Michigan from Denver, Colorado. She was born in the midst of a January blizzard; I will never forget that day. My mom came home from the hospital without the baby we were looking forward to. Marcia stayed in the hospital until the Sunday she was baptized. My parents picked her up from the hospital, brought her to church and then left to take her to a home in Grand Rapids where she stayed for her first year. This was a difficult year for her, healthwise. Somewhere in there she also had surgery to separate two fingers on each hand which were webbed together.

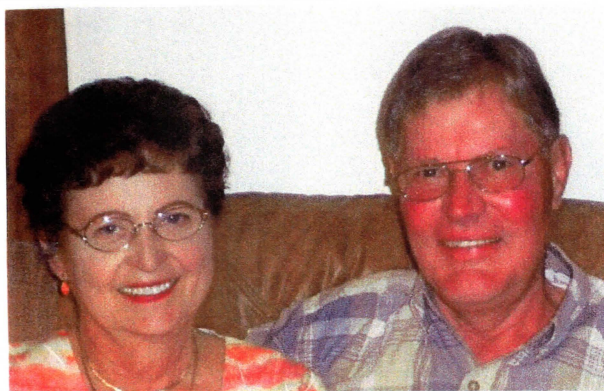
From this home she was placed in a state institution in Coldwater, Michigan. After some time she was transferred to another institution in Mount Pleasant. She stayed there until she was about five when the Children's Retreat opened as part of Pine Rest in Cutlerville. During these first five years we did go to see her, but infrequently. My parents had been told that it would be best for everyone if we did not bond with her. That was the "wisdom" of that era, but what a loss for all of us! This has been our biggest grief, something which could never be rectified. Marcia lived at the Children's Retreat until 1973, when it closed. From there we moved her into Parkview, an adult foster home in Zeeland. This truly has been a providential place for her. She lives there yet today, has been with a "family" of eleven other people with similar impairments as hers. We do see her on a regular basis since she has been there. Every summer she has gone to Camp Roger, with other impaired people, for a week. This was the highlight of her life. Two years ago she was judged not able to take advantage anymore of the activities due to her age, so has had to come to spend the week with us, I should say very unhappily. Her other activities include a sheltered workshop which she goes to five days a week, Friendship Class, which includes singing at local churches; bowling, and out for suppers on Saturdays. She also volunteers and folds towels at a nearby rest home. She is also the expert towel folder where she lives.

Brother Ron and Iris live just around the corner in Zeeland and Iris has been Marcia's main caregiver--keeping up with doctor and dentist appointments, shopping for clothing as it is needed, etc. For this we are very appreciative. Marcia has a delightful personality--a great sense of humor, loves to sing, is very neat and clean, and very much liked by everyone.

The picture was taken about three years ago, when Marcia was honored at a banquet as the Worker of the Year at Kandu, the sheltered workshop. Marcia is aging, slowing down in many ways. She has outlived her life expectancy as a Downs Syndrome child. But, we are not surprised with the genes she has inherited. (At this writing, she is 63 years old.)

Ken and Betty Pothoven Family

2011



Ken and Betty

Kenneth Pothoven was born in Denver, Colorado on March 8, 1943. His father, Garret, was the principal at Denver Christian School. At age 3, the family moved to Holland, Michigan where Ken's dad assumed the management of Holland Honey Cake Co.

Ken attended the Holland Christian School System, Grades K-12, and graduated in 1961. Upon graduation, Ken went to Calvin College. After graduation from Calvin, Ken went to Western Michigan University where he received a Ph.D. in Mathematics in 1969. During his years at Calvin, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty De Wys. Their first two children were born while Ken was still in school.

In 1970, Ken and Betty moved to Florida, where Ken began a career as a college professor of mathematics at the University of South Florida. His career there lasted for 35 years and after retirement, he was again employed by the University as a part-time lecturer, a position which he still holds.

Ken's health is very good other than the aches and pains of arthritis. He enjoys playing golf and Ken and Betty enjoy traveling and RV-ing.

Betty was born in a small country village called Borculo, Michigan, the third child of a belt sander for Herman Miller Furniture Co. She was educated in Christian grade school and high school after which she completed an R.N. nursing education at Calvin/Blodgett School of Nursing. She then worked part-time in the nursing field for some 35 years.

Betty married Ken at age 21, and they were blessed with three children, Kathy, Don and Steve. All three are married and have ten kids between them, making Ken and Betty grandparents of ten wonderful grandchildren!

Betty's interests include doing hand work, reading, participating in church activities and especially traveling either by RV, cruise ships, or whatever it takes to get to somewhere new. She takes tons of pictures and then scrap-books them. Some of Betty and Ken's travels included almost every state in the U.S. including beautiful Alaska a couple of times, European countries once by bus and once by river boat, the Scandinavian Countries and Russia by cruise ship, and the best of all the Holy Land by bus.

Their children:

Kathy is married to Ross Jelsema from Hudsonville, Michigan, and they have three children, (two in school and one married). They all live in Hudsonville where Kathy works as their church worship and music leader plus being the church accountant. Ross' field is in finance and cost analysis.

Don is married to Mary Chassot and together they have four children, (plus one in Heaven). Two of their children are adopted girls from China. Don works in computer engineering for Verizon. Mary homeschools their children except for the oldest, Gabi, who is now a college student majoring in music. Don and Mary do their own organic "farming" which is a ton of work. Don and Mary live in Plant City, FL, (the Strawberry Capital).

Steve is married to Tami Seif from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have three children all in grade school and junior high. Steve is a computer "ace" with IBM, and Tami is a nurse. Besides both being involved in many church activities, they keep busy with their children who go to different schools which requires lots of carpooling. Steve and Tami live in Tampa, FL.



Kathy and Ross Jelsema



Don and Mary Pothoven



Steve and Tami Pothoven

Stella
Garret

Arlo Dahm Family



Arlo was born in Ogilvie, MN in 1934 when his dad was the minister in the Ogilvie MN CRC. The family moved to Bunde MN in 1942. Here Arlo went to the Prinsburg MN Chr. Grade School. As there was no Christian High in Prinsburg, the students were sent to Western Chr. High School in Hull, Iowa. He boarded in Hull during the week, and came home on weekends. Arlo graduated from Western Chr High School in 1951.

Arlo graduated from Calvin College and Seminary. He was a Navy Chaplain from the CRC from 1958-1967. He was the pastor at Oak Harbor WA CRC in 1967-1968. Later he worked for an adoption agency in Seattle WA. Arlo lives in Seattle WA.

His children:

Linda and Roger Martindell, have a son Nicolas Martindell. (Linda born 1956)

Sheryl and Hans Broedel have a daughter Madeline Brodel. (Sheryl born 1957)

Richard Dahm has 3 children: Alena, Cameron and Cassandra Dahm (Richard born 1960).

Karen and David Braden have a son Taylor Braden. (Karen born 1966.)



Frances Dahm Brinkman Family

2011



Jane, Frances, Lauren (16), Erin (14), and Bruce

I was born on July 27, 1937 to Peter and Grace Dahm in Ogilvie, Minnesota. I left Minnesota when I started Calvin College in 1954. After two years of college I began my teaching career in Fremont, Michigan. I married Merlin Brinkman in 1958.

I graduated from Calvin College in 1962.

Our daughter, Jane, was born in 1964. When she started school, I went back to teaching, and working on getting my Masters Degree. I taught for 32 years, retiring in 1992.

Brink and I loved to travel and for six wonderful years we traveled in our motor home in the summers in the United States and Canada.

After Brink's untimely death in 1993, I moved to Venice, Florida

I have traveled extensively having toured in about 40 countries in our world. I enjoy good health. I am very active in our Venice branch of the American Association of University Women, my PEO group, and the Venice Presbyterian Church. I play Bridge, Mahjongg, Golf, and other games. I attend a lot of live theater and symphony.

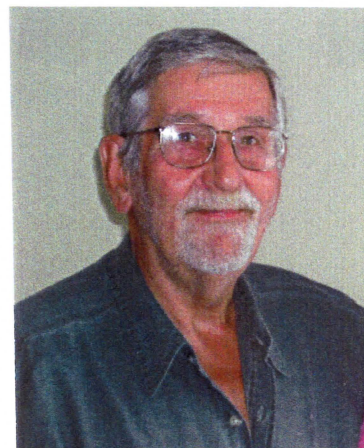
My volunteer work is also very important to me. I do literacy tutoring, helping kids with homework, and was a Big Sister for 12 years.

Jane is married to Bruce Rodewald. They have 2 daughters: Lauren and Erin.

My biggest joy is being with my daughter, my son-in-law, and my two granddaughters. I go to Michigan several times a year, and they come to Florida once a year.



John William Dahm, Ph.D. Family 2011



John William Dahm was born October 22, 1939 in Ogilvie MN. He died April 15, 2006 at Crossville, Tennessee (complications of lung cancer).

John was a Psychologist. He received a B.A. from Calvin College in 1961, a M.A. from Western Michigan University in 1964, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1970.

He married Barbara Jean Figel August, 1961, and divorced in 1976. He married and divorced 2 additional times.

John was on the faculty at North Texas State University 1970-1978, and in private practice in Dallas, Texas 1978-1988. Subsequently he lived in Connecticut and Tennessee.

His sons are John David Dahm (born 1963), and Roger Matthew Dahm (born 1966).

John David Dahm Family

2011

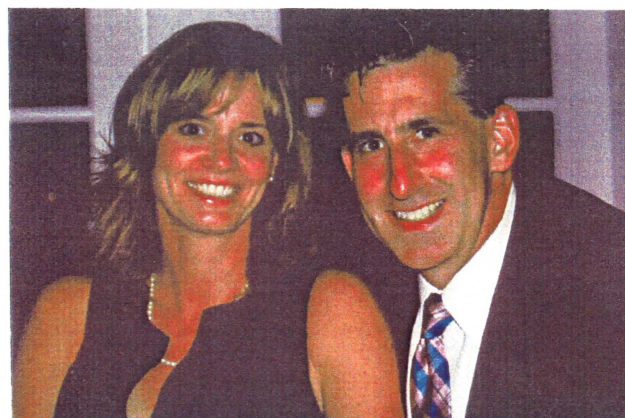
John David Dahm, M.D.

John was born August 20, 1963 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He grew up in Grand Rapids and East Lansing, Michigan; Denton, Texas; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

John is a Physician/Surgeon, (Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.) He received a B.A. from North Texas State University in 1986, a M.D. from the University of Texas in 1990. He did his Residency/Fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1998.

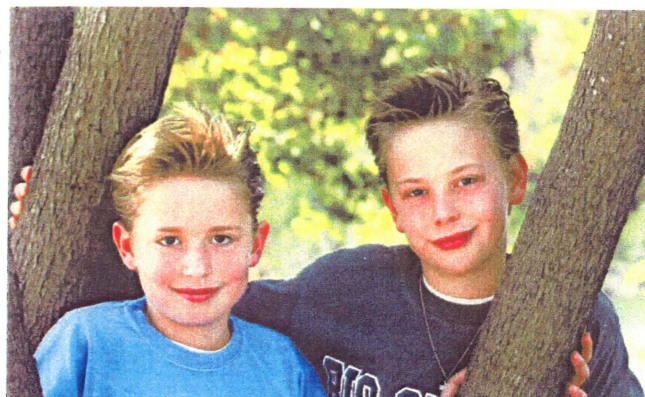
John married Brooke Jennifer Braly on May 10, 1997. They have 2 sons: Ethan David Dahm (born 2-2-00), and Jeremy Luke Dahm (born 10-22-02).

They live at:
29 Deer Creek Woods, St. Louis, MO 63124



Brooke and John David

Peter
Grace



Ethan and Jeremy

Roger Dahm Family

2011



Father-Son
John Dahm, Roger Dahm



Roger and Roxanne Dahm



Garrett Dahm



William Dahm

Roger Dahm was born 8-21-66 in Grand Rapids, MI. I am 44, and 3 years younger than my brother (John) David. I lived in Denton, Texas from 1970-1976. I then moved to New Orleans until I finished high school in 1984, and lived in Louisiana until 1989.

In 1990, I moved to Tulsa OK with my first job, was promoted and moved back to Baton Rouge in 1994. We have lived in Baton Rouge LA for the last 16 years.

I have been married to Roxanne (Thibodeaux) Dahm for 19 years. She was born and raised in New Orleans. Roxanne and I both attended Louisiana State University earning bachelor degrees in 1989. Roxanne was an elementary school teacher and now raises the boys. I have been in the medical device industry for 21 years and am currently a Regional Sales Manager for Medtronic, Inc

We have 2 sons, Garrett is 12, and William is 8. Both sons were born in Baton Rouge.

Gordon Dahm Family

Photo 1981 "Whole Dam Family" book



Gordon Dahm Family
Gordon, Norene and Michelle

Gordon was born in 1944 in Bunde MN where his dad was minister of the Bunde CRC.

Gordon married Norene Wiersma in 1964.

They have one daughter, Michelle, born 1967, who married Andrew Gracey. Michelle and Andrew have 2 children, Sophia and Austin. Michelle Gracey lives in Carlsbad, CA

Gordon retired as a counselor at Macomb Community College in Warren MI.

Norene retired her position at BASF Corporation.

After retirement, they spent 3 months in New Zealand. They are traveling the U.S. in a camper trailer.

Peter F. Dahm Family

March, 2010

After a childhood spent in Minnesota, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada, where his father, also named Peter F., and mother, Grace, served as minister and minister's wife in the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Peter, the youngest of five children, returned to Michigan to attend Calvin College, from which he graduated in 1970. While at Calvin, Peter met and married his wife, Helen (Padding). They now have two children, Elizabeth and Andrea.

Following graduate study in sociology at the University of Chicago, Peter obtained a law degree in 1975 from the University of Illinois College of Law (at Champaign), and was admitted to practice law in the state of Michigan. For the next three years, Peter served as Assistant Bay County Prosecuting Attorney in Bay City. In 1979, he left criminal prosecution and entered private practice, soon becoming a partner in a Bay City law firm and practicing primarily in the areas of contract and labor law, education law, and commercial litigation. In 1993, Peter left the firm and practiced individually for four years. He then returned to public service as staff attorney for the Bay County Circuit Court from 1997 until 2003, when he retired.

Peter's wife, Helen, completed a 35-year elementary school teaching career in 2004. She first taught in inner city schools in Grand Rapids and Chicago (1969-1972), and then in a rural setting in Homer, Illinois (1972-1975). Teaching jobs were not overly plentiful in Michigan in the mid-1970's, but after substitute teaching for what seemed far too long (two years), Helen returned to a regular classroom position in 1977. In the course of her professional career, Helen taught every grade from kindergarten through fifth (except third), also pursuing graduate study and serving as a reading education specialist.



elementary/junior high school teacher and has found that, as in the mid-1970's, teaching positions are not plentiful in Michigan. She is presently serving as a paraprofessional classroom assistant in Hudsonville, and hopes to obtain a regular classroom assignment (in mathematics, science, or whatever is available!) in Michigan or beyond very soon.

Peter and Helen's older daughter, Elizabeth, now 26 and shown at right at her August, 2008 wedding to husband Michael Winer, is a junior high/high school teacher and graduate of Central Michigan University. She is presently substitute teaching and will begin graduate studies in integrated science education at the Ohio State University in September, 2010. Michael is presently completing a master's degree in mathematics education at Ohio State, and hopes to teach junior high math for a few years before returning to continue graduate education.

Peter and Helen's younger daughter, Andrea, now 24 and pictured with them at left on the occasion of her graduation from Hope College in December, 2008, is an



Peter
Grace

Geneva Dahm Rozenboom Family

2010



Geneva and Gerald Rozenboom Photo 2004
Wavern Rozenboom, Merlin Rozenboom,
Deb Rozenboom Van Ee, Dennis Rozenboom

I was born and grew up on a farm west of Taintor, IA. I attended Grandville County School. When I was in the 6th grade, we moved to Peoria, where I went to Peoria Christian Grade School. After graduating from grade school in 1949, I attended Pella Chr. High School. In 1951

the family moved from the old brick house in Peoria to a newer house Uncle Henry and Aunt Minnie Dahm had built. After graduating from high school in 1953, I attended Drake University in Des Moines, IA for 6 weeks in the summer. In the fall, I taught 5th and 6th grades in Peoria Christian School. I had 32 students. Times have changed! You'd never be able to teach now without a college degree. I taught for 1 year. I would have taught for free...I really enjoyed it. I got married after that year, and they didn't want married women teachers to teach then.

I met my husband, Gerald Rozenboom at Peoria Young People's Society. We were married on April 7, 1955. We started out in a small farmhouse northeast of Peoria working as a farm hand. In the course of two years, we moved two more times, also working as a farm hand. Our oldest child, a son Wavern, was born at that time. The house we lived in at that time was moved to Peoria for a teacherage. (Much later our son Dennis and his family lived there.) In January of 1957, we moved to Peoria where we have lived since. Gerald worked for the Peoria Stockyards. Then 15 years later we took over Richland Auto, the blacksmith shop in Peoria. Two years later we bought the Peoria Stockyards shop and opened Peoria Truck and Farm Repair. Later our 2 oldest sons came into the business. Gerald retired in 2000 from the business but kept a semi truck and operated this business in Peoria until 2009 when our truck driver quit due to bad health.

I was a stay at home mom. I did the bookkeeping for our businesses. Also, I cleaned house and did laundry once a week for an uncle and aunt in Peoria. I did this for 30 years, quitting this in 2008. I also worked part time in the laundry at the Pella Regional Hospital with a wonderful group of women.

We have enjoyed traveling several places in the U.S. In July of 2008, Gerald suffered a severe stroke. We're doing well but spend most of our time close to home.

We have lived in four houses since we moved to Peoria. The present house where we now live is the house Uncle Henry and Aunt Minnie Dahm built over 75 years ago. (My parents had bought the house in 1947. We bought it from my father in 1970.)

We have 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Our son Wavern and wife Norma live in Peoria. Wavern works for VerMeer Manufacturing and Norma works at Pella Corp. Their daughter Alicia is married to Paul Vander Wal and they have a daughter, Keese. They live in Ripon, Ca. Wavern and Norma's son Tom and wife Maggie live in Sioux Center IA. Tom works at a bank in Sioux Center.

Our son Dennis lives near Knoxville, IA. He works for Barker Implement at Knoxville. His daughter Megan goes to school at Indian Hills in Ottumwa. She has a daughter, Hope. His son Chris graduated from Calvin College and is now living in Chicago. His son Curtis lives at home and is a senior at Pella Christian High School.

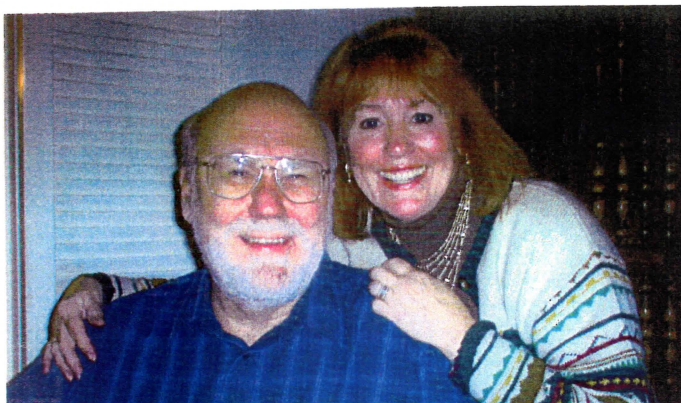
Our daughter Deb and husband Fred Van Ee farm west of Pella. Their oldest daughter Jessica and her husband George Economos live in Arlington Heights, IL. Their second daughter, Stephanie and husband Josh van Drunen live in Hudsonville, MI. They have a son Cole and by the time this is published, they will be blessed with another child, the Lord willing. Their 3rd daughter Jennifer is a graduate student at the University of Chicago.

Our youngest son, Merlin and his wife Terri, live in Denver Colorado. Merlin drives truck for U.S. Foods. Terri works for a Property management Co. They have 2 sons. Todd is waiting to get into the Marines, and James is a junior in high school in Denver.

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Leonard
Gertrude

Donald J. Dahm Family 2011



Donald and Marie Dahm

I grew up in Peoria, and got an education because I didn't want to be a farmer, never aware that anything beyond the next step was possible for me. Learning (and getting a PhD in the process) was lots of fun, and it still is. My career was with Monsanto Company, being everything from a chemical analyst to the assistant vice-president of technology. Prior to my business unit being spun off, I "retired" and am currently a chemistry professor at Rowan University, (Glassboro, NJ).

My wife, Marie, is an artist by training, and half of my family consists of her three children, son-in-laws, and two grandsons. My son, Kevin Dahm, is a tenured Chemical Engineering professor at Rowan. Jeff Dahm, a high school teacher, and his wife, Kelly, a television news producer, have children Patrick, Conor, and Katherine. They live in Springfield, Mass. My daughter Melissa Dahm, lives in St. Joseph, MO a few doors up the street from my sister Bev. MY kids' mother, Arlene Dahm lives in Pella.

Don attended Central College, where he got a BA in Chemistry and Math. He received a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Iowa State. He did Post Graduate work in Environmental Management at Harvard School of Public Health. He has authored 2 books: Interpreting Diffuse Reflectance and Transmittance by Donald and Kevin Dahm, and Calculations in Chemistry by Donald Dahm.



L to R: Photo 2004

Jeff and Kelly Dahm, Melissa Lee Dahm, Kevin and Robin Dahm, Don Dahm holding grandson, Patrick (son of Jeff), who is now 6, and Don's wife, Marie. Not shown are Jeff and Kelly's twins: Conor and Katherine.



Beverly Dahm Hoyt

2011

My childhood was spent in Peoria, Iowa. We lived next door to Uncle Jake and Aunt Effie. Jimmie tormented me by calling me Beverly Shay and I would protest that my name was Beverly Ann. I still have the identification bracelet he got for me at a fair saying Beverly Shay.

I attended Peoria Christian School and Pella Christian High School. I received my Masters Degree in Psychology from Truman State University, Kirksville MO. The majority of my career was working for the Missouri Department of Mental Health. I covered 12 counties in Northwest Missouri evaluating persons who were in need of court commitment to treatment. Needless to say, the job was interesting, and I have numerous stories.

I have lived in St. Joseph MO since 1986. I bought a house in 1993 on 1½ acres of property. This is planted mostly in perennials. Since 2007, when I retired, I spent spring through fall in the garden or doing garden related activities. Winter is spent cross stitching and waiting for spring.

Rosemary Dahm

2009



I grew up on the family farm southwest of New Sharon or southeast of Peoria and Taintor, Iowa. Uncle Arie, Aunt Cora, and family lived close to the south. We attended the Peoria Christian Reformed Church, and shopped primarily in New Sharon and Oskaloosa.

Peoria Christian School, Pella Christian High School, Dordt College, and Truman State University, (Kirksville, Missouri), are all part of my educational background, and all contributed to my direction in life.

The first part of my adult life I was an elementary school teacher. I spent time teaching in Peoria Christian School, Calvary Christian (Baptist) School, Arkansas, Edina, Minnesota Christian School, and Prairie City, Iowa Christian School. Later I worked part-time in home health care, and was able to care for our parents in our Pella home until their deaths.

Early year of retirement finds me working on my property, volunteering at Peoria Church and for the Bible League International, and enjoying time socializing and reading. I'm grateful for my life's experiences, and for God's grace and direction in them.

Rosemary passed away on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at the Pella Hospital at the age of 66. *"Rosemary will be remembered by many as a true prayer warrior. She led the Bible study for the Peoria Bible Searchers Society for many years. Rosemary was an avid reader. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family and was very knowledgeable about family history."* (Information taken from the obituary.)

Burial is in the Peoria Cemetery, Peoria, Iowa.

Marvin Lowell Dahm Family

2010



Lowell and Linda Dahm

Back Row: Laird and Morgan Dahm, Sara and Lance Dahm,
LeAnne and Brent James

Front Row: Nolan Dahm, Amelia Dahm, Eli Dahm,
Mackenzie James

Lowell retired from Pella Corp in December and is enjoying retirement so far. He is still farming and has a few cattle, so he keeps himself busy with that. Linda is working at Grinnell Regional Health Center in Grinnell as the pre-op interview nurse.

Lowell and Linda enjoy traveling to Florida in February each year. They enjoy golf, spending time at their home at Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma, and attending Iowa Hawkeye football games.

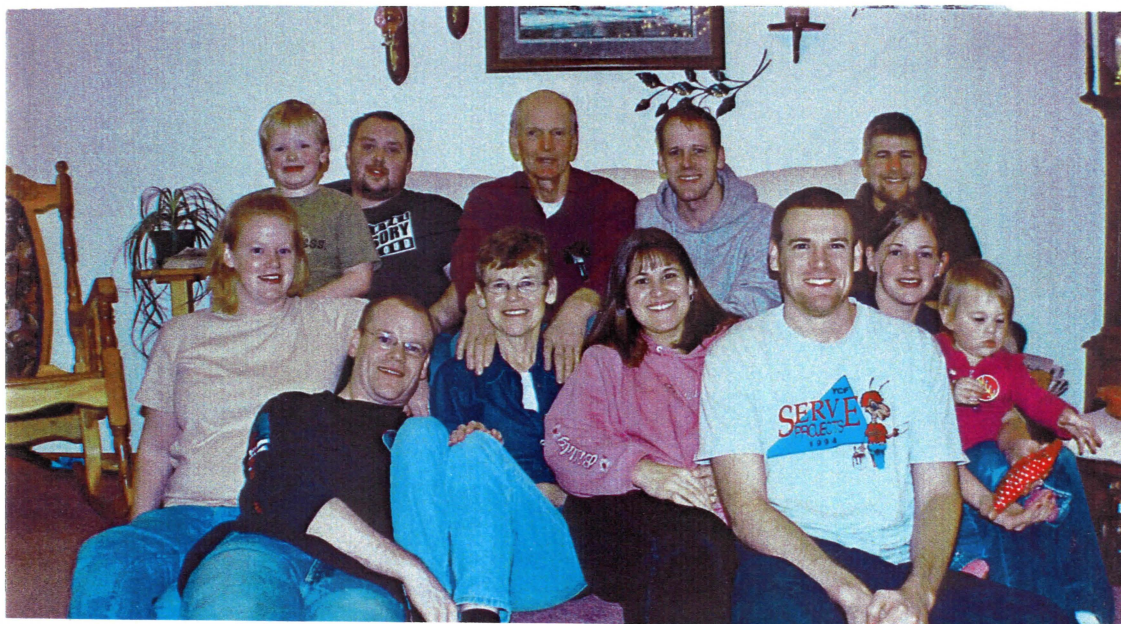
LeAnn is married to Brent James. They live in Montezuma. They have 2 daughters, Joslin Gessner and Mackenzie James. LeAnn teaches first grade at Montezuma schools. Brent owns his own business, H&J, in Montezuma.

Lance and his wife, Sara, have one son, Nolan. They live in West Des Moines. Lance is a CPA and works at Wells Fargo Mortgage division in West Des Moines. Sara works at Manpower in Des Moines.

Laird and his wife, Morgan, have 2 children, Amelia and Eli. They live near New Sharon. Laird is a corporate engineer at Vermeer. Morgan is a stay at home Mom.

Carmen Dahm Reitsma Family

2010



Back Row: Ashton and David Lahvic, Frank Reitsma, Mark Reitsma, Lucas Tameling
Front Row: Stephanie Lahvic, Justin Reitsma, Carmen Reitsma, Jackie Reitsma, Curtis Reitsma, Tara and Abigal Tameling.
Photo 2007

I, Carmen, youngest child of Cornie and Tena Dahm, was born February 1, 1951. I have many happy memories of growing up on the family farm. Rosemary, Lowell, and I often played with Karen, Judy, and Greg because they lived across the yard from us. One of my favorite memories is of hanging a white dish towel in the sunroom window to invite Aunt Cora and children over for coffee-time. That was one way to communicate before the advent of telephones in our homes. I also remember having lots of fun playing "Rainbow Village" with our neighbor cousins in the old corn crib. I remember spending many hours with Dad "walking beans," and thinking there was nothing prettier than a clean bean field. Our family always took a summer vacation. Most of them were to Happiness Resort on Ten Mile Lake in Minnesota where we boated (5-horse-power motor), fished, and swam. I think the cabins that we rented cost a whopping \$60 per week!

I attended Peoria Christian School and Pella Christian High School. Both provided me with a sound Christian education, for which I am very grateful. I went one year to Dordt College, where I met my wonderful husband Frank Reitsma. We were married in Peoria Christian Reformed Church on April 16, 1971. We lived for 3 years on Frank's father's dairy farm in Alberta, Canada, and then moved to our present location two miles northwest of New Sharon. I help Frank on the farm where we grow corn, soybeans, beef and elk. We sell our elk meat at the Des Moines Farmers' Market every Saturday from May-October. I'm also involved with Pella Pro-Life and local Republican politics. We still attend Peoria Christian Reformed Church.

We were blessed with five children. Mark lives with his wife Jackie and two little girls, Grace and Madeline in Denver, Colorado. Justin followed my example and also married a Canadian. He and Christine live ½ mile from us. Curt is single and lives in Chicago. Stephanie lives in Everett Washington, with her husband David Lahvic and son Ashton. Tara also lives in Chicago with her husband Lucas Tameling and children Abigail and Joseph.

I am very thankful for my husband of 40 years, my children and grandchildren, as well as my parents and siblings. Dad passed away in 1995 at the age of 87; Mom passed away in 1997 at the age of 80. Rosemary passed away in 2010 at the age of 66. That leaves just Lowell and me to continue the legacy of the Cornie Dahm family.

Karen Dahm Vander Beek Family

2011



L-R Karen and Lambert , Jeff, Vicky and Mike Cowman, Rhonda and Doug 2011

I married Lambert Vander Beek in 1962. He was born in the Netherlands and came to Pella in 1949. Beek went to Barber College after we were married. After he graduated we moved to Fairfield, IA. Our next move was to Newton, IA and then to Prairie City, IA where he purchased a Barber Shop. I had worked as a nurse's aid in hospitals and nursing homes. In Prairie City I had the opportunity to purchase an existing fabric store that was a side line in a grocery store. We bought a building in which the Barber Shop was in the front and the Fabric & Crafts in the back. We built a loft and bought the building behind us as we kept expanding. After 12 years I was worn out and closed the store and started working at Security Bank in Prairie City for 5 years. After 30 years in Prairie City we moved to Pella where we purchased a building and Beek continued to Barber.

We have 3 children, our oldest Vicki is married to Mike Cowman. They live in Pella. Vicki is a realtor at Home Realty. Mike is a salesman for Husqvarna. They have 2 sons, 1 grandson and 1 grand-daughter. They are going to have 2 more additions to their family this fall. Our oldest son Doug is married to Rhonda Kain and they live in Prairie City, IA. They are both employed at Principal Financial in Des Moines. They have a daughter and a son and a granddaughter. Our youngest son Jeff lives in Pella and works at Ryco Hydraulics. He has 2 daughters.

We enjoy helping with organizing and planning trips and activities for the Pillars (60+) Group from our church.

We have been blessed with good health and enjoy spending winters in Arizona.

Judy Dahm Van Gorp Family

2011



Shawn &
Michelle
Van Gorp

Steve
Van Gorp

Stacy & Josh Harper
Judy and Loren Van Gorp

Scott &
Stacy
Van Gorp

I married Loren Van Gorp in September after I graduated in May. He was from Pella. We lived in Pella for 2 years before we moved to the Bert Roose farm that my dad owned. We have lived there ever since. We raised each of our children there.

Steve, our oldest son, lives in Pella and has 2 children, Tylor and Paige. He works for Vande Weerdt Construction.

Our next son, Scott, is married to Stacy Kane. He has 2 step-children, Brooke and Schyler. He is the Inventory Specialist at the Hy-Vee store in Knoxville. They live in Pella.

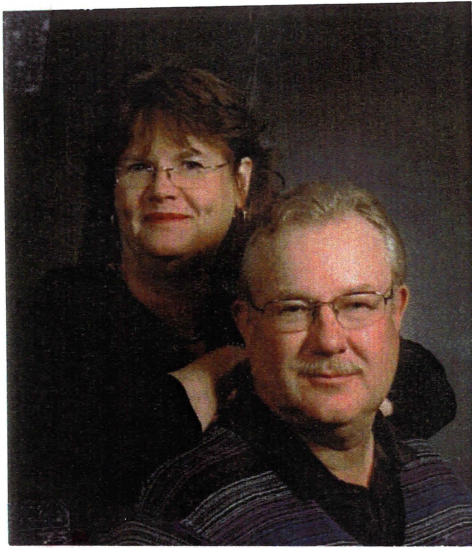
Our next son, Shawn, lives by Pella and is married to Michelle Pettyjohn. They have 2 sons' Garret and Colby. He owns and operates Menninga Pest Control with the help of his wife and father.

Our daughter Stacy is married to Josh Harper and has a son Kyler. She is general manager for CiCi's Pizza in Des Moines.

I own and operate Bridal Dreams, a Prom and Bridal Store in Oskaloosa. Loren has done several things since he quit farming. He was custodian of our church (3rd Reformed), then he managed the Parks Department for the city of Pella. He now works for our son Shawn, with Menninga Pest Control.

We enjoy attending our grand-children's activities. We also like to go camping and spending winter months (after Christmas) in Arizona.

Loren and I have also always been active in working with youth. We are currently involved with Synod of the Heartland (Reformed Churches of America) helping with youth work projects in various states and also with Rocky Mountain High, a large youth conference (2000 youth) in Estes, CO.



Gregory Dahm Family

2011

Leslie and Greg

Greg Dahm, the youngest of all the cousins, was born in July, 1954 to Arie, (the youngest of the Dahm Family), and Cora De Jong.

Greg grew up in the Pella area, married Leslie Shirley from Stuart IA in 1983. Greg and Leslie live in Urbandale IA.

Greg has his own CPA practice in West Des Moines. He enjoys golf, golf, and more golf!

Leslie is employed by the Des Moines Public schools and coordinates a program that supports home-schooling families.

We are currently members of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Urbandale IA where Leslie works part time as Children's Ministry Director.

We have three children: Arwen Lane, Elizabeth Chlupach, and Andrew Dahm.

Arwen WAS married to Jesse Lane and has three children; Edith, age 12; Ada, age 7; Henry, age 2½. They live in Des Moines and that gives us the chance to play with our grandchildren frequently!

Elizabeth married Steve Chlupach. They have one daughter Abigail, 2 ½, and are expecting our 5th grandchild on 11/11/11. They live in Slater IA just 40 minutes north of Des Moines.

Andy Dahm married Nicole Parsons. They reside in Long Beach CA and are finishing Grad Schools.



Elizabeth Chlupach, Andrew Dahm, Arwen Lane